## STYLES FROM THE '70s

**Students from the Fashion Merchandising Visual Promotions program introduce styles from the '70s for the '90s at a fashion show at the Seaway Mall. See story on page 14.**

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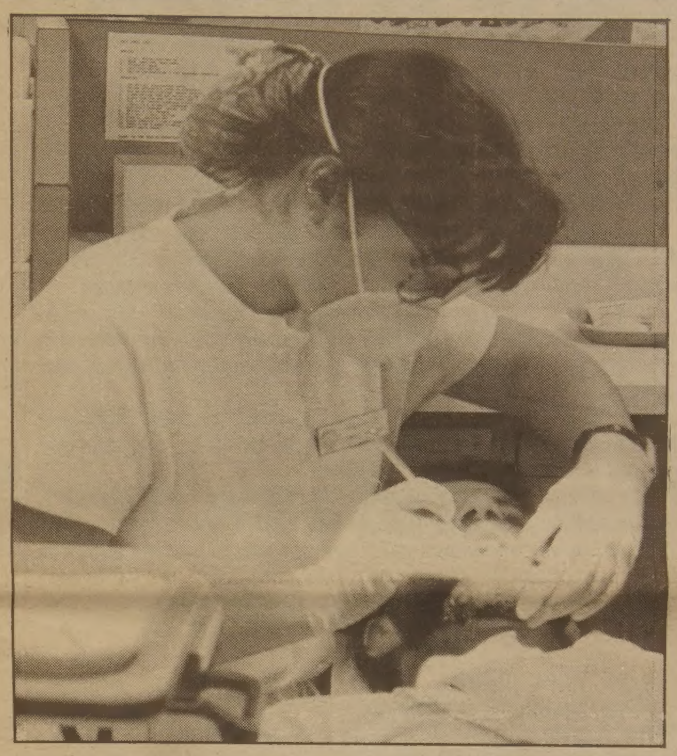

## Open wide . . .

Dental Hygiene program student Stephanie Hagen, 21, of Port Dover, Ont. cleans the teeth of Terry Meguire, 28, of St. Catharines. See page 11 for story.

**Photo by Monika Queckenstedt**

# *Fees raised for students next year*

**By JILLIAN WATSON**
**Staff Writer**

Incidental fees are going up about 22 per cent to $396 from $324 effective September 1993, said Niagara College's registrar Ivar Noren.

Incidental fees, which are paid by all new and returning students, include a student activity fee, a student centre fee, a college services fee, a graduation fee, an alumni fee, and a first-year orientation fee.

The student activity fee and student centre fee will go up seven per cent, the same amount tuition is being increased by the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training. The college will likely "always follow suit" with the ministry on these increases, said Noren. "That has always been our benchmark."

The college services fee, which provides for health services, transcripts, lockers, and handouts, will go up 7.4 per cent to $145 from $135.

The graduation fee, which will go up 12.5 per cent to $45 from $40, and the alumni fee, which will go up to $25 from $10, will now be paid yearly instead of in the graduating year only.

The first-year orientation fee will stay at $25.

In comparison to other colleges, Niagara College's incidental fees are "generally high," said Noren, but the increases are necessary.

"We simply had to do it," he said. Aside from student fees, the college operates on grants from the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training and government funding is down.

Although the college system is growing with an influx of students, the ministry is not increasing its funding, said Gary LaRose, the college's director of financial services. Grants per student are down $477 from $5,465 this year.

LaRose said nobody likes to increase fees, but he added, "I suppose anything is worthwhile if you make a contribution." Students can be assured they are getting good value and quality education for their money, he said.

This year's tuition at Niagara was $856. Next year's tuition will be $916.

# Margeson becomes VP by 1 vote

**By GREG FURMINGER**
**Staff Writer**

The Student Administrative Council's executive vice-presidential election race was a close *one*.

Cris Margeson defeated John Belli by one vote to become next year's executive vice-president.

"I was astounded with how close it was," said Margeson.

In an election deemed disappointing by all three candidates, Margeson received 31 votes, Belli received 30 and Dan Levesque received 17.

Margeson, 26, a first-year Business Accounting program student from Fonthill, said he was "really disappointed" only 78 people turned out to vote.

Belli said he was "upset" with the turnout saying it was "really lousy." Belli was given an unofficial recount which still turned out in Margeson's favor.

"I thought I ran a good campaign," said Belli, 19, a first-year Business Administration program student from Niagara Falls, who may consider running again next spring. "If there was a larger turnout it would have been more interesting."

Levesque said the SAC election is a "friends competition." Whoever has the most friends voting for them wins. "It's a joke," he said, adding that he entered the race because he


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# LASA students donate most blood, win awards

**By KEITH HOBBS**
**Staff Writer**

Congratulations to the first-year Law and Security Administration program students on their participation at this year's annual Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic.

The first-year LASA students won both the Corpsuckle Cup and the Buddy Blood Drop Jr. trophies at a presentation held at the Black Walnut building on April 15.

The Corpsuckle Cup goes to the program with the highest percentage of students donating blood. With a 61.4 per cent turn out, the first-year LASA students outpaced the school's total of six per cent.

By donating more than half of the blood (132 of the 262 pints received at the clinic) this year, the Buddy Blood Drop Jr. trophy also went to the first-year Law and Security Administration program students.

LASA wrestled the Corpsuckle Cup away from the Ambulance and Emergency Care program students, who have owned the cup for the last 10 years. It is the first time in 11 years that the first-year LASA students have won the award. The Buddy Blood Drop Jr. trophy is only two years old and has been won both times by the first-year LASA students.

Eugene Maltais, a political science teacher at the college and past president of the Welland Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, said he was "very pleased" at the turnout. Compared to the less than one per cent participation of the community at large, "six per cent (of the college student body) is pretty darn good," he said.

Maltais said the Red Cross was pleased that they exceeded their quota of 250 pints during the November clinic. He was also surprised at the amount of first-time donors. "They were significant, well over 100 which is well above average," Maltais said.

# *Banks, province at ends over OSAP*

**By ELIE BENDAVID**
**Staff Writer**

Canadian lending institutions may have more say in who qualifies for Canada Student Loans (CSL), but an official with the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) doesn't like the idea.

In federal Finance Minister Don Mazankowski's February budget statement, he confirmed negotiations between CSL and financial institutions for new financing arrangements.

Talks have been narrowed down to two financial institutions: the Royal Bank of Canada and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. The loans will be administered by either both banks, or one of the banks.

"We made a very competitive bid," said Rob McLeod, spokesman for the CIBC, Canada's second largest bank. "We view Canada's young people as a very important resource for both Canada and the CIBC."

CIBC hopes a positive experience with the bank will turn students into loyal customers. CIBC has about 25 per cent of the student loan market and with the new financing arrangements they stand to increase market share substantially.

"We want the banks to take more risk with student loans," said a spokesman for the Secretary of State Student Assistance branch in Hull, Que. "The new arrangements will give students higher borrowing limits and will eliminate the three-per-cent fee," now charged to process student loan papers.

Ontario government officials fear the banks will decide who qualifies for the loans.

"If banks are going to take more risk with regard to student loans, we fear that they are going


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A recent delegation from Thailand visited Niagara College. From left are Seree Chinodom, Banchong Chantrasa, David Schleich, vice-president, academic, Sakda Prangpatanpon; back, Dennis Malone, director, International Education, Penkae Vajanasoontorn, Dr. Ralph Morris, associate vice-president, academic from Brock University, and Virat Karavapittayakula.
**Photo by Amy Neilands**

# Visitors from Thailand at college as part of project

**By AMY NEILANDS**
**Staff Writer**

Five delegates from Thailand visited Niagara College on April 7 as part of a collaboration project between Niagara, Brock University and Burapha University in Thailand.

Involved in the project are Dennis Malone, director, International Education at Niagara; Dr. Ralph Morris, associate vice-president, academic, responsible for international projects at Brock; and several academic deans from Burapha.

The institutional linkage program will bring stronger interaction between people, and provide facilities to Thailand that they don't have. The three-year program is expected to benefit both Canada and Thailand. There will be student and teacher exchanges.

In June, a professor from Brock will be visiting Thailand to teach chemistry at Burapha.

The three joint interests of the project are in science education, womens studies and environmental studies.

Malone said there are two advantages of the project. First is the co-operation of Brock and Niagara, he said. Rather than using a single institution they will be sharing facilities to create a broader range of training. Second is the collaboration with Thailand.

Niagara, Brock and Burapha University in collaboration

A proposal for the project will be submitted to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) by Sept. 15, 1993.

CIDA provides all of Canada's aid to developing countries. CIDA provides training and food aid for the people of these developing countries. Their main goal is to make the country more self-sufficient and to teach them to become less dependent on foreign aid.

Niagara College and Brock University are among other Canadian institutions competing for the same project.

The delegation from Thailand included: Virat Karavapittayakula, dean, Faculty of Science; Banchong Chantrasa, dean, Faculty of Education; Penkae Vajanasoontorn, dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; Sakda Prangpatanpon, vice-president for International Affairs; and Seree Chinodom, director of Computer Centre.

# Program for robotics and automated systems

**By DONNA DOLYNSKY**
**Staff Writer**

Multi-skilling is the way of the 1990s.

Technology co-ordinator Anthony Backler is keeping in step with the needs of manufacturers throughout the Niagara Region. The 18 seats for a full-time Robotics and Automated Systems Certificate program were quickly filled.

This innovative program started March 22 with a four-week preparatory session to help the students adjust to academics and refresh their basic skills.

The majority of the students have already earned their journeyman papers or have previously graduated from a post-secondary program.

"They (students) have the industrial experience, but were caught by the slowdown of industry throughout the region," said Backler.

The Robotic and Automated Systems program includes 18 weeks of intense study and two weeks of field placement in one of 25 companies willing to participate in the co-op, such as Ronal Canada in Stevensville, Niagara Piston in Beamsville or Brenner Manufacturing in Niagara Falls.

The program is designed to "add or build on to (the students') existing skills to create greater diversity in their knowledge," said Backler, adding, more and more manufacturers are restructuring their operations using robotics and automated systems instead of physical labor.

# *Kiss the Flame*

# *No magic cure*

**By HEATHER D. HODGSON**
**Law and Security Administration Program**
**Special to Niagara News**

In this final segment in the series on impaired driving, we'll explore some of the solutions. As with the larger problem of substance abuse, there is no magic bullet that will cure the problem. All of the solutions start with small conscious decisions. All of the solutions are based in positive risk taking. All of the solutions are self esteem issues for each of us . . . we deserve better than that.

Impaired driving is a legal issue because it is a social issue. To protect each of us, laws are made and enforced. To ensure our civil protection, insurance rates are affected by convictions. But, there is more to the issues of impaired operation and the related offences . . . people are being slaughtered and mutilated because someone decided to consume alcohol or other drugs and operate a motorized vehicle. Deaths and injuries increase during summer months.

Research shows a general decrease in the incidents of impaired operation. Yet, each day people's lives are affected. Research also shows that repeat offenders appear to be the biggest problem in fatal crashes.

The laws and other penalties are in place. People, especially those in the teen through 20s age brackets are taking the stand that it is not acceptable to drink and drive.

You have all of the information. You know the consequences. It is your choice. If you still lack the self confidence to say no to the impaired driver who wants you to go along; or to monitor and limit the amount of alcohol consumed at your party; or to let a sober driver drive you home or make other arrangements; then consider this . . .

If

A soft, silent sobbing
filters through the sterile halls.
The mother
gently tussles the curls
that grew from baby down.
And, in her anguish she must decide . . .

The doctor knight
warm and caring,
gently paints the picture.
The all too familiar tale —
A party, a few beers,
a final race to death.
Dreams shattered,
in her anguish, she must decide . . .
Another child lies close to death
that could be saved if . . .

The flashing blip
and hiss of mechanical breathing
go unnoticed.
Years of memories dance
as she watches the rhythmic
rise and fall of the young man's chest.
She remembers the baby once at her breast.
And, in her anguish, knows the decision is right.
Another child lies close to death that could be saved.

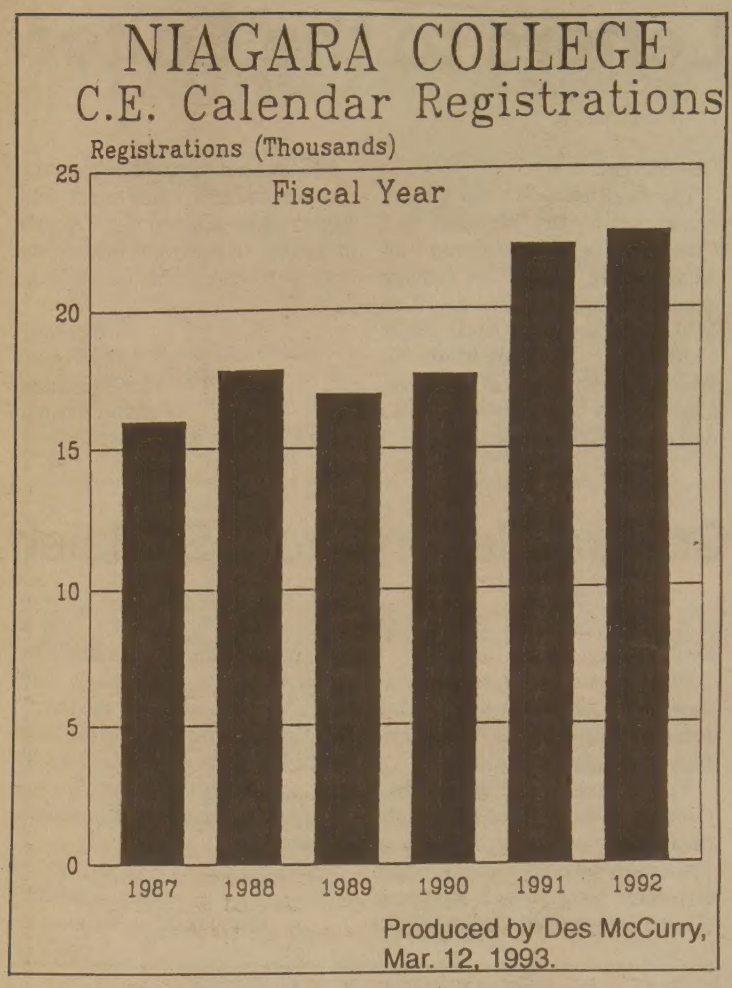
With skilled hands
the doctor knight removes the precious gift
from the shattered frame.
And, in their anguish, two mothers
say a special prayer
as a part of one mother's dream
lives on
to give another mother's child life.

On your driver's licence is a form for organ donation. Read it carefully. Consider filling it out.

We have had a full year in Kiss the Flame. I would like to thank Niagara News for providing the opportunity to explore these issues. The sponsors of Kiss the Flame, and you, the readers, have made this a successful first year. I look forward to next term.

To all I wish success and a wonderful summer.

# Continuing education registration soars




**By CHRIS RUSSO**
**Staff Writer**

About 25,000 people will have something in common this year. They will all be registering in a Continuing Education program.

Foster Zanutto, who has been in the director's chair for about one year, said that the CE department is "well organized" and is "run like a business." Zanutto is the former director of marketing.

The most significant increase in enrolment was between 1990 and 1991. "People, even in these hard economic times, are still investing in themselves and their education," he said. Zanutto, who credits this increase to strategic marketing, said that CE is "entrepreneurial based" with "aggressive objectives."

He said that the best surprise in the CE office was the quality of the staff and their ability to work independently. "They're really an exceptional team," he said.

Shirley Tomovic, a developing officer for CE, echoed Zanutto's enthusiasm about the department. "It's an exciting place to work, dynamic," she said.

Since Tomovic started at the college in 1983, there has been about a 150 per cent increase in registrations.

The CE department consists of 10 people, seven full-time workers and three part-time workers, including Zanutto and Tomovic. This group is in charge of planning, developing and organizing all of the courses offered in the CE calendar.

*'expand in areas that we are not currently active'*

In an effort to better serve the community, the CE department is looking to "expand in areas that we are not currently active," said Zanutto. These areas include health and fitness, short-term computer and technical training, expansion of services to students and also an independant-learning package.

This package, which is currently operating in six other colleges, is designed to work around the schedule of the student as opposed to the student working around the schedule of the college.

Tomovic said that the CE department is there to "serve the training and educational needs of the community."

## *Grummett resigns*

**By STUART MCDONALD**
**Staff Writer**

Paul Grummett resigned as vice-president athletic from the Student Administrative Council on April 12.

Grummett, 24, a second-year computer programming student, was elected vice-president athletic in a byelection on Oct. 9. Grummett filled the post left open in last year's SAC election.

Grummett is juggling his SAC responsibilities with a computer programming job at Telecon in Niagara-on-the-Lake, he said. "Things are getting too complex," added Grummett who was a co-captain on the Niagara College basketball team this year and an Athlete of Distinction Award winner at the college.

"Paul did a fine job," said Dale Deloughery, SAC president. The sporting activities are almost finished and he has other commitments that clash with his SAC duties, Deloughery said.

# New system serves 23 Ontario colleges

## More than 10,922 applications for Niagara College

**By CHARLIE KOSCAK**
**Staff Writer**

We are experiencing difficulties, the new college application service might have said to the 23 community colleges it serves in Ontario.

Niagara College has been affected, but it isn't as bad as it sounds, says college registrar Ivar Noren.

The Ontario College Application Service (OCAS), based in Guelph, handles all applications to the 23 colleges in Ontario. Because of a problem with the system, a number of "inaccurate" grades and course descriptions have been sent to the colleges, says Noren.

Only applications from high school students have been affected. Mature students' applications are not affected.

Noren says the college has not been briefed in detail by OCAS regarding what has happened, but OCAS will be retransmitting all the correct grades to the colleges. It would take too long to look for and correct the errors, says Noren.

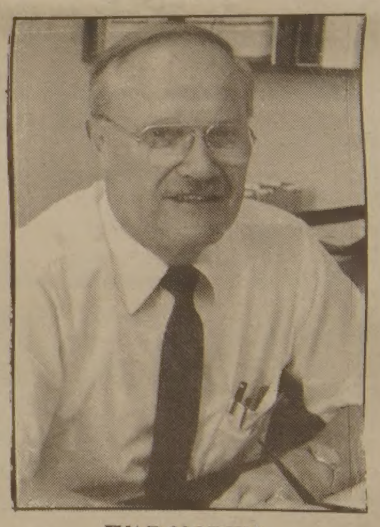
The college's registrar office was set back, but fortunately the office staff "hadn't sunk a lot of work" into the applications, says Noren. However, some preliminary work must be done.

About 8,200 students, both high school and mature, have made more than 10,922 applications to Niagara College as of April 13. In the province, a record 105,000 students made about 240,000 applications.

"It's not unreasonable that things like this would happen," says Noren of the computer error. Since this is the first year the system has been used, he expected a few problems, but he said he believes the system will be useful in the future.

He says the system will speed up the application process in the coming years and give the registrar office more time to review applications.

This is not the first delay the registrar had to face regarding applications. The boards of education around the province waited until the deadline to send their students' applications to OCAS, said Noren.



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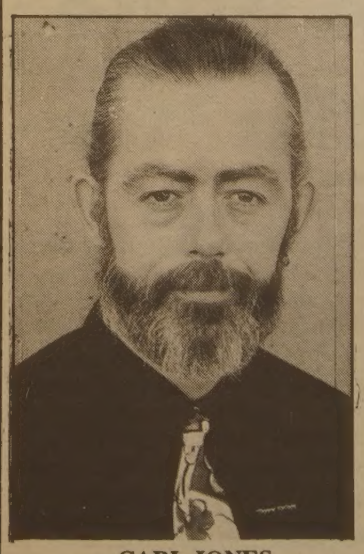
## *'Great learning experience,' student governor says*



CARL JONES

**By STEPHEN KRICK**
**Staff Writer**

Carl Jones, Niagara College's student governor for the past year, says his term was a "great learning experience."

He said he enjoyed his term. "I learned an incredible amount, and I hope to utilize this experience at some future point."

The college Board of Governors sets the goals and policy of the college. They're responsible for developing the "mission statement" of the college. The "mission statement" defines the intent and purpose of the college, what they hope to achieve. The Board of Governors works in conjunction with the administration to ensure their No. 1 goal is achieved: the success and satisfaction of the students, Jones said.

"While the administration is concerned with the day to day operations, the Board of Governors is looking at where the college wants to be in 2010," he said.

Jones, 36, who will serve until August, said the student seat on the board is a forum that allows students' issues to be carried to the appropriate level.

A second-year Educational Resource and Special Needs program student, Jones said the one-year term is "too short" because by the time he knew his job really well, the term was over. But he said the other governors were helpful in making him feel comfortable and a part of the team.

"I would like to thank every one of the board members and the members of the administration on the board, because I have gained experience from each and every one of them," he said.

His advice for the incoming student governor, Dale Deloughery, is "be a quick study for there is a lot to learn." He said Deloughery should dedicate his term to being someone who is there on behalf of the students. "But he must not allow personal biases to stop him from seeing the bigger picture. The big picture is that although students' interests are important, the interests of the college as a whole are more important."

In relation to the election of the student governor, Jones said he respects the college's effort in coming up with a fair resolution for the election. "I wish Deloughery all the best, and I will help him any way I can," he said.

Jones said his term was a "total learning experience. It will help me down the road because I'm in a human services program, I want to work with people. I want to make a difference in the world."

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

# Use of police officers' weapons necessary in the line of duty

Imagine yourself as a police officer. You're running through alleys in a large city chasing a drug dealer. The dealer manages to spot you and decide to run.

The dealer jumps over a fence and out of your view. You're not that far behind so you decide to jump over the fence too. After jumping you notice the dealer with three inches of sharpened metal waiting for you to get close. Noticing that you aren't to keen on knives, the dealer attacks.

What would you do?

Would you rely on the self-defense training? A good option if you are Steven Segal or Jean-Claude Van Damme, but after a lengthy foot chase, you're not likely to be able to spar with someone whose physical strength is unknown - and if the dealer uses drugs, strength may have been altered.

Would you use your billy-club? Bad idea - see above.

Would you run? And let a drug dealer with a recently-demonstrated violent streak roam the streets untouched just because the dealer has a weapon?

Would you draw your gun? This is the most sensible solution. If the gun doesn't make the dealer feel threatened and the dealer continues the attack, the pulling of the trigger is the next logical step.

Did you notice that the drug dealer mentioned in this scenario wasn't described - not by age, sex, or color of skin? It doesn't matter who you are, if you attack an officer of the law you had better expect something in return.

The police officers of Canada should be proud they can keep peace on the streets at night. And they should not be deterred when they defend their lives and end up being called racist.

**Charlie Koscak**

# Only serious students should return to Niagara

Don't come back to Niagara College.

This is my message to all students who find it an inconvenience to attend all their scheduled classes.

Post-secondary education is a privilege, not a right. There are far too many students who believe they can show up when they want and not when they have to. Perhaps attendance should be mandatory for course completion. Absence from classes is disrespectful to instructors, to fellow students and to those who wish to come to college.

There is nothing more annoying than sitting in a classroom while the instructor informs the habitual absentee what was taught for the last day or two. This disturbance multiplies each time that student has to disrupt a class to ask questions he/she should have known the answer to, had that student not skipped class.

Some students will argue that they have paid tuition, but that does not excuse their absenteeism. Niagara College has over 10,000 enrolment applications for first year come fall. With the poor economy many will be here for serious study with the goal of a solid career. One student's tuition can easily be replaced with that of another student.

Everyone gets ill at times or may have a valid reason for their truancy, but blatant absenteeism from classes should no longer be tolerated.

**Gregory T. Furminger**

# Good luck on exams! See you in September

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The April Blood Donor Clinic, conducted by the Welland Red Cross, will be held in memory of Adam Hurst, son of our college nurse, Carolyn. The clinic will be held on Wednesday, April 28, at Club Social, 810 East Main St., Welland, from 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Club Social is about two blocks east of the Welland city hall.

Members of the college community are invited to come out on that day to show support for Carolyn in her time of sorrow. A memoriam book will be available for signing.

Sincerely,
Jan Potton
Vice-President
Welland Branch
The Canadian Red Cross Society

## Congratulations from Schleich

Dear Editor:

Please convey my congratulations to the Year One Journalism-Print students for their "first" edition. It's really very good.

The coverage on the student elections was well reported (thorough, balanced); the piece by Andrea Snider is solid (re: Ontario Premier Bob Rae). Greg Kelly's article on [Prime Minister Brian] Mulroney is quite astute! Tina Young's article on campus safety is very timely. Tom Brank's review of "Jack the Bear" is delightful. I wish I could mention all the excellent writing in the edition . . . the point is that you've got quite a team there . . . 1993-4 should be excellent.

David Schleich
Vice-President Academic

## *College urged to read school newspaper*

**By ELIZABETH BROWN**
**Staff Writer**

Niagara News. Is it informative? Do the students at Niagara College read the newspaper that is created by the students of the Journalism-Print program at the Welland campus? Or is it just the journalism students who read the paper? The newspaper informs students and teachers of what is transpiring at each campus and outside in society.

So why is it so few people are reading the paper? Does it cost anything? Is it hard to find? Would you read the paper if you helped create it?

Perhaps people don't read the paper because they are not interested in what is happening around their college. If this is *the case, then you really don't* care where your money is spent. Education is an investment. Collect your dividends.

Does the college lack school spirit? As a student, do you just want to come for your classes and go home or do you want to get involved and make your time at the college memorable? The college newspaper involves all the students by creating an open forum of discussion on all matters involving all students at each campus. If you are reading the paper and want to see something improved or changed, let us know.

Get involved!

I am asking you to read a little publication that is printed for the students by the students, that's you-the students.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## PERSPECTIVES

# Welland landmarks attract attention from tourists

By AIMEE PHILIPPE
Staff Writer

Welland. Ahh...its many splendid wonders. Example, the magnificent artistic ability on many of the downtown building walls.

What I'm talking about are the Welland murals. Just the other day I was riding on a Welland bus (those lovely transportation vehicles that are always empty) when I noticed tourists.

### Opinion

We Wellanders can spot a tourist from a mile away. They are the people with cameras around their necks and with a look of fascination on their faces as they take numerous pictures of the Welland wonders. They point a lot too. ANYWAYS...the bus was stopped at a red light and as I glanced over, I saw two elderly couples taking snapshots of one of our lovely murals. I thought to myself, "Why Welland?" then accidentally laughed out loud.

Besides the lovely murals, we also have the Seaway Mall. I'd have to say that the Seaway Mall has to be the gathering place for all Wellanders. Its lovely aura lures people in to shop for stupid things. Example, that quaint little cookbook for Aunt Sophie.

What else? Ahh...who could forget the Welland Canal? Its muddy waters seem to capture a certain beauty if, er...**when** the sun shines on it just right. In the summertime, people flock to the canal to waterski, swim, (scary thought) scuba dive, (**really** scary thought) suntan on the banks and many other social activities that involve the canal.

I've lived here all my life and I just think it's the best place to live. I recommend anyone planning a vacation to Jamaica to drop their bags right now and venture out to see the Welland wonders. You will not regret it.

# Reality a must for responsible journalists

By ADELE NAGY
Staff Writer

I feel that journalists and everyone involved in public media have a great responsibility to reflect reality positively.

*Part of a journalist's job is to uplift readers' spirits*

Now obviously when conveying the news and the news is tragic or unpleasant, then of course we should reflect it that way, as objectively as possible.

But whenever possible, as in columns or feature articles, I feel the responsibility of uplifting the spirits and attitudes of our fellowman is a weighty one.

Whether it is in making them laugh, or just enabling them to look at life with a new positive perspective, I feel this task is our responsibility - not only for journalists, I must add, but for everybody, if at all possible.

There is one very strong argument for not doing this: they say "The only way to change the world is to make 'them' see," (by pointing out all the things that they are doing wrong - the negative aspects).

But I remember a very powerful story from my childhood which compares methods of change. The story is about a contest between the wind and the sun as to who was the more powerful.

The Wind said "I am more powerful than you, Sun. Your strength is nothing compared to mine. Look, I bet you I can blow all those leaves of those trees." And he did.

The Sun listened quietly to the Wind's bragging and demonstrations of strength and might. Finally the Sun said, "All right Wind, we will have one final contest to see really who is the stronger between us. See that man down there? The one with the overcoat? Let us see who can make that man take off his coat."

"Oh," the wind said, "that is easy." So the wind blew very hard, and the man drew his coat tightly around him and the more strongly the wind blew, the more tightly the man drew his coat around him, till at last the Wind gave up and blew no more.

That is when the Sun shone very brightly and strongly, and the man, all of a sudden feeling warm, took off his coat.

So taking the line of least resistance for change is actually that - but it is not often what we think it is.

# Goodbye poem

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

It's almost the end of our first year,
To say goodbye to friends so dear,
We had our laughs, we had our cries,
It's time to close the books and shut our eyes,
To always remember what we've learned and walk away
knowing it was earned.
Poor O'l Gary Erb put up with us,
For a whole year and didn't even fuss,
Phyllis Barnatt kept us under wraps,
She knew we were first year students with great big YAPS.
We talked a lot and thought we were good too,
So let's be careful over the summer,
Cause in four months we have a paper to do.

# Year of the World's Indigenous People

By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

Through a cloud of silicon and glitter, one billion people were reminded that it was Year of the Woman at the Tinseltown Oscars. Most people are unaware that 1993 was declared Year of the World's Indigenous People by the United Nations. For those celebrating their ancestrial heritage, societal neglect is nothing new.

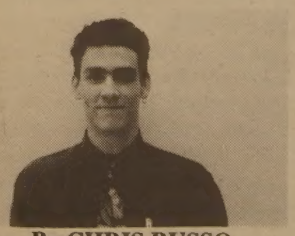
Disregard of indigenous values is not a new issue. Native Canadians have felt the cruelties of society for five centuries with historical accounts dating back to the coming of the first Europeans to the American continents.

North American history is littered with biased statements that slant towards a "purely-white" world. More horrendous than individual biases are those committed by our governments. Although we rarely hear claims anymore that God made the white settler a crusader for His Kingdom, constant deception through legalistic trickery has never stopped. Imposition of treaty after treaty deprived natives of territories which had previously been granted to them under pacts signed with Canada.

These are facts that our history books and teachers neglect to mention. Thanks to the Aboriginal Education Management Circle, history at Niagara College is going to change. The circle intends to develop appropriate programs and course content pertaining to aboriginal heritage through collaboration with the college.

The theme of the year is Indigenous People — A New Partnership. The circle hopes to form a partnership that will not paternalistically control them but rather work with them — the original history-makers.

# 'The times they are a changin' rings true today



By CHRIS RUSSO
Staff Writer

As Bob Dylan said in the 1960s, "the times they are a changin'." More than 20 years later, he couldn't have been more right.

Change is a part of our lives that we can do without. But when forced to make changes in our lives, a defence mechanism kicks in to fight — occasionally making it worse.

The change that I am referring to is the idea of being politically correct, or the use of all-inclusive language. I am not a woman-hater by any stretch of the imagination, but what I dislike is the fact that a minority of radical, feminist, man-haters is setting the vocabulary laws for the rest of society.

Most of us can understand the derogatory connotation behind terms like policeman or chairman when referring to a woman, but to be utterly offended — and downright ignorant — by a slip of the tongue, come-on, gimme a break.

We live in a society that is turning against the male population to a point of reverse discrimination. Not too often do you hear a feminist correct a person who has the audacity to say policewoman or chairwoman.

If you really want to get technical, words like woman, female, she, lady and homosapien should no longer be used. They all have "male rooted" words in them. Perhaps to be politically correct the new terminology should be wo-person, fe-person... you get the point.

Political correctness or all-inclusive language, which ever you prefer, has reached the point of emphasis in some classrooms. As far as I can recall, it is the job of a teacher to remain unbiased and not to impose their beliefs upon others.

# Banquet honoring college employees

The Professional Development Sub-Committee members include (top row, left to right) Dave Abraham, Elvira Lucas, Ed Wilson, Marlene Cain, Cathy Weir, Vince Audibert. (Bottom row, left to right, are) Mary Bondarchuk, Larry Taylor, Eleanor Snider, Peter Rylander. Absent are Joanne Stubbins, Goldie Hill, Dorothy Doyle and Jim Garner.

**Photo by Elizabeth Brown**

**By ELIZABETH BROWN**
**Staff Writer**

Niagara College will be honoring the full-time employees who are retiring this year and who are members of the Professional Development Retirement Association.

The Professional Development Sub-Committee will be hosting the event. Eleanor Snider, chairperson of the sub-committee, said this is "a first for Niagara and that it will be a gala occasion."

The newly-founded retirement association has more than 300 members. Each member pays a $12 membership fee annually, which provides gifts and dinner for the retiring employees.

The committee expects to be honoring 20 retiring employees. Each employee has been at the college for a minimum of 15 years.

Planning for this event has been underway for the past eight months.

Any college employee who has not yet joined the retirement association is encouraged to do so. Anyone who has made plans to retire before September 1993 should contact one of the members of the sub-committee. Snider can be contacted at ext. 7764.

The concept of an annual retirement banquet was suggested by college president John Saso, who plans to attend the event. Members of the college Board of Governors and former retirees will also be attending along with friends, family and business associates of the retirees.

The retirement banquet will be held on Friday, June 18 at the Americana Resort and Convention Centre, Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m.

A letter with further information will be sent out to each full-time employee within the next two weeks.

# Bookstore open for summer

**By KERI REED**
**Staff Writer**

During the summer months the Niagara College bookstore will remain open Monday to Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The bookstore has a new selection of clothing including Canada sweatshirts, different material with the new school logo and baseball jerseys.

To avoid the lineups in the bookstore, which begin in early September, students are able to pick up their books at the beginning of August.

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**Board of Governors**

*April 23, 1993*

*To the College Community:*

*On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all graduating students on the successful completion of your programs at Niagara College and to wish you well in your future endeavours. We hope you will return to your Alma Mater frequently to renew friendships as an Alumni member, to participate on advisory committees, and even to take further courses and seminars with us.*

*Our congratulations also go out to the undergraduates as you complete this year of study. We look forward to your return to the College in September to work towards your graduation.*

*The Board wishes to extend sincere appreciation to the faculty, administrative and support staffs for helping us to successfully complete the year. The extra efforts of our employees working together have made it possible for the College to serve its many clients well.*

*Thank you all and best wishes for a pleasant summer.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Bernard Baril*
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# Government aids students with fresh start

By PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

Our career aspirations are traditionally set during high school. The plan — university or college — followed by your occupation of choice. Once established in your profession you set new goals for growth and success.

However, what happens if you are no longer employed because of company closure or a work-related injury?

Donna Dolynsky, 35, and her husband Bill Mouck, 37, were only given two weeks' notice of their job termination when Interlake Steel in Thorold, closed its doors Feb. 22, 1990. Between them, Donna and Bill had 25 years' employment at Interlake, their future seemed secure. Not in their wildest dreams did they imagine they would have to depend on Unemployment Insurance benefits to support them. UI benefits would certainly cover the short term, but what about the long term?

With house payments and two young boys to support, Donna and Bill didn't miss a beat, they started all over again. As members of the United Steel Workers of America (USWA), their area representative led them to the Canadian Employment Steel Trade Congress (CESTEC). Through CESTEC, which is funded by the federal and provincial governments, they set up a volunteer committee. After establishing an office in their home, they contacted plant employees in order to determine individual needs. Some were ready for retirement, some were semi-illiterate. Through conscientious effort and with the support of CESTEC, Donna and Bill sorted out the needs of former employees.

***Not in their wildest dreams did they imagine they would depend on unemployment benefits to support them.***

Contacting Niagara College, a teacher was hired through the Ventures program to instruct 26 people in Basic English Skills Training (BEST) as well as math upgrading. Each student, working at their own level, was instructed in order to write the mature student exam. Those that were ready, entered college.

In 1991-92, Donna enrolled in the General College program and is currently completing her first year in the Journalism-Print program. Bill is completing his second year in the Human Relations program. "We were both interested in human interest courses and plan to continue through the spring term with our studies," says Donna.

Rick Eller, manager of the Canadian Jobs Strategy Unit at the Canada Employment Centre in St. Catharines, says "as of Feb. 28, 1993, UI benefits support 6,779 clients for retraining in the Niagara Region. This includes funding directly to the individual as well as projects.

"We sponsor federally-funded training programs based on a budget from the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission," he said. Each person is assessed on community needs. "If many people in the community lose their jobs, it has a ripple effect, the whole community is affected," said Eller.

After 15 years at Otis Elevators in Hamilton, Dave Staples, 35, lost his job because of a work-related injury. Staples was at home for four years while undergoing seven operations.

Staples' career prospects looked poor until a rehabilitation worker at Workers' Compensation Board suggested he return to school, as he would not be able to return to work. After vocational evaluation at McMaster- Chedoke Assessment Clinic, Staples found he was well suited for work as a Customs and Immigration officer. Unfortunately, he was too late to register for the Law and Security Administration program for 1992-93, but he enrolled in the General College program where he has completed 11 courses toward his LASA program diploma. He will officially enter the program this fall. "I was scared going back to school after so many years, but after the first week I found that I fit right in and I was very happy," he said.

Staples says he looks at school as a job, it gives him something to do and he is getting paid for it. Making the President's Honor Roll was just the icing on the cake.

Nadia Fahmy, a client services official at the WCB in Toronto, says as of March 31, there are 12,600 recipients in training in Ontario. "This includes everything from hairdressing school to university, we pay for tuition, books, travel and living expenses," he said.

WCB is a division of the Ministry of Labor and is not funded by taxpayers' dollars.

Mary Petruzella, admissions officer of post-secondary education at Niagara College, says "mature students are not counted separately at Niagara, we treat everybody equally."

This year's recipient of the Michael Yando Memorial Award from the Hotel and Restaurant Administration program is Angie Mancuso (at right) with Michael's parents, Charles and Emily Yando.

Photo by Diana Berardi

## *Michael Yando Memorial Award presented*

By DIANA BERARDI
Staff Writer

Memories of Michael Yando are cherished by students at the Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

Yando died of cancer on Oct. 24, 1985 in his final year of the three-year Hotel and Restaurant Administration program. After his death, his classmates from 1986 established an award in his honor.

Each year the Michael Yando Memorial Award is presented to a third-year student who, in the opinion of the graduating class, exemplifies the spirit and enthusiasm shown by Yando at school.

Yando, who entered the program in October 1982, was diagnosed with cancer in early 1983.

Throughout his battle with cancer, he never allowed his condition to interfere with his school work, said John Peacock, professor at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

"It is an award of distinction," said David Davies, director of the Hospitality and Tourism Division. The award is symbolic to students in the sense that Yando is a model of strength and determination which other students strive to achieve, he said.

This year's recipient of the Michael Yando award was announced at a dinner held for the graduating class on April 15 in the Kerrio Room of the Hospitality and Tourism Centre. The honor, determined by the votes of fellow classmates, was bestowed upon Angie Mancuso.

"It's a great honor," said Mancuso. She said the award is something she will always remember. Mancuso, 21, plans to return to the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in September for the Apprenticeship Chef program.

Presenting the award were Yando's parents, Charles and Emily, of Fort Erie. Michael's parents were presented with the original award, now replaced by a tribute to Michael, including a brief history of his years at the college, his photograph and the names of past recipients of this award, framed and encased in glass.

The first award was presented by Emily Yando to Francine Brodeur on May 7, 1986. Last year's recipient was Hala Abi Tarabay.

Before presenting the award to this year's recipient, Emily Yando recited Michael's favorite poem, Footprints.

In an excerpt from the poem the Lord replies, "During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

"The comradery at Niagara College is tremendous in what you are doing for him," said Charles Yando in reference to his son whose memory is carried on by the students and teachers at the college.

## *New program takes 'byte' out of computer illiteracy*

By ELAINE DOOLITTLE
Staff Writer

Attention all potential computer buffs.

A new computer-friendly program is in the beginning stages at Niagara College. Students who are unfamiliar with using a computer can take this course to help prepare them for the computer-work environment.

Barry Sharpe, the college's Foundation Studies director, said a computer literacy task force's goal is to better educate students and give them the ability to work on computers.

He said the task force is looking to provide for the needs of students.

"The future is looking at employees and citizens of the 21st century (using computer systems)," he said.

The students will be introduced to the Macintosh and IBM computers. They will be taught how to improve their writing skills and how to buy a computer for home or office.

Sharpe said the idea is to meet the needs of students in terms of computer literacy. "Every college student should know how to use a computer," he said.

The program should be ready for Jan. 1, 1994.

## Let the ice age come forth

By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

The ice age is upon us.

Or so Labatts and Molson would have us believe.

For the past month, the two beer giants have engaged in a hard sell campaign in order to convince Canada's beer drinkers to sample their new Ice beers.

Having been seduced (quite easily I might add) by the slick ads, I decided to attempt what any journalist with integrity and a penchant for beer would. A taste test.

My first attempt was a failure. The Beer Store was sold out of both brands, and I was forced to spend a dismal afternoon quaffing a case of boring old Canadian and watching baseball.

Returning the following Wednesday, I was pleased to find the Beer Store had replenished its stock. Hurrying home with 12 of each, I eagerly began my experiment.

After several swills of each I came to an immediate conclusion.

Both beers suck.

Just to make sure I was not just the victim of a finicky palate, I invited several associates of mine (beer pigs) to lend an opinion. More than happy to do so, they all returned the same verdict.

Both beers suck.

Molson Canadian Ice having been put through the miraculous process of "ice filtering," tastes like it has been filtered through an old work sock. The resulting taste is that of a skunky Canadian.

Labatts' Ice has been "ice brewed" and tastes exactly like a tainted Blue.

If I did have to choose between the two, I would reluctantly choose Labatts' Ice as it has more alcohol (5.6 per cent) and becomes almost bearable after six or seven.

If you don't want to take my word for it, try your own experiment.

I'll stick to boring old Canadian.

# Law and Security student cruises through co-op

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

Beverly Hills Cop was a popular movie. It made police work look like cops and robbers.

Second-year Law and Security Administration program students know differently. Recently 15 students were on co-op with the Niagara Regional Police.

Anne Alward, 22, of Welland is a second-year LASA student who has finished her co-op placement. She worked with the NRP from January to March, covering St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland. Her shifts were from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

## 'It's not what you see on TV'

Alward said it's not all what you see on television. "It's not like cops and robbers." Everything you do has to be marked down on reports, every call you go on has to be written down." There are general occurrence reports and accident reports, everything has to be documented, she said.

"It's not a lot of doughnut shops. A lot of people have an image that it's doughnut shops and coffee." When police are in doughnut shops a lot of times they're also writing out paper work, she said, adding sometimes it can be very long, dragged out and boring.

Constable Thomas Trojan, 34, who has been a Crime Prevention advisor for three years, has worked with co-op students for six years. "They are exposed to the policing environment, it helps them to make a career decision," he said.

It's "job shadowing," he said. The students are exposed to a day in community services, a day with the identification unit and also uniform patrol, said Trojan.

Alward said the best thing about co-op is the "hands-on knowledge." It lets you know whether or not you were geared for police work," she said.

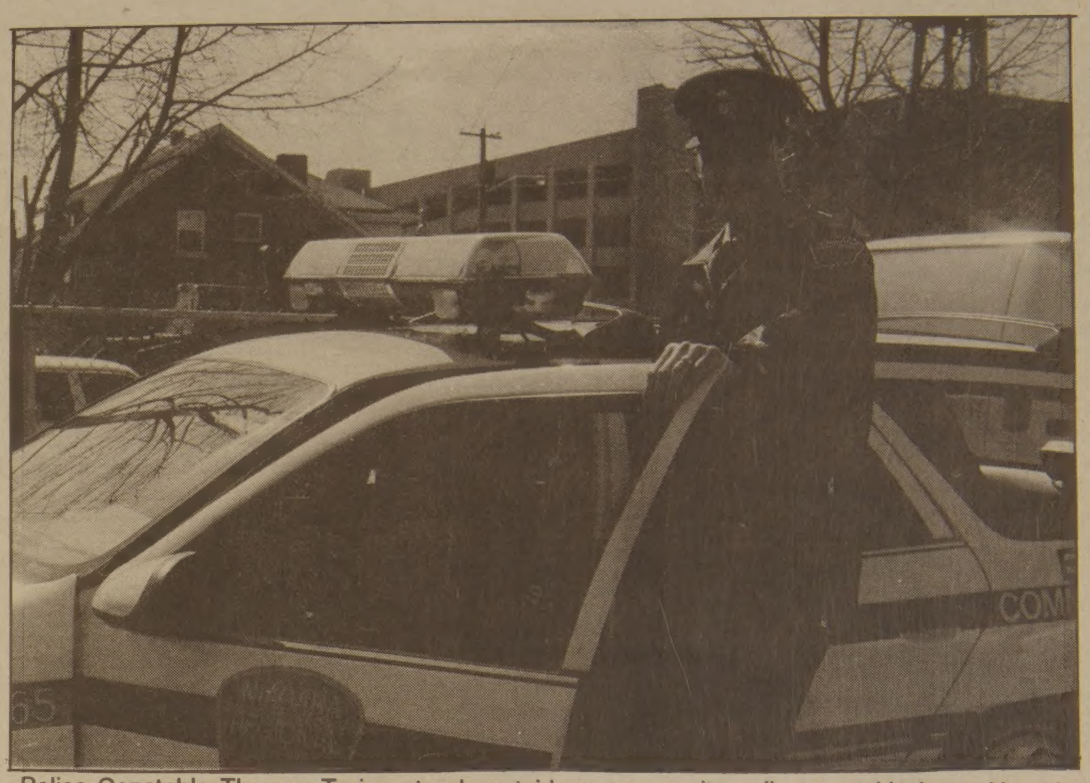
While she was on placement Alward worked mainly with women police officers. She was called mostly to traffic accidents. One drunk driver was charged as he ran a red light and a girl coming the other way hit him.

Alward was able to witness a break and enter. Alward said they were about the fourth police car there, and the thieves were apprehended walking out of the house with goods.

Another incident involved the murder of a Welland girl on East Main Street about a month ago. Alward said,"we just went there and took statements." The people were more than willing to help, she said.

John Derda, head co-ordinator at the St.Catharines police detachment for co-op, said, "it's approximately 10 weeks in length." It gives them "insight and it is on the plus side," said Derda.

When in the police car, the students must write down everything the officer does and hand it into their teacher for marks. "We either get a satisfactory mark or unsatisfactory mark," said Alward.



Police Constable Thomas Trojan stands outside a community police car with Anne Alward. Alward is a second-year student in the Law and Security Administration program who recently worked with the Niagara Regional Police through the co-op program.

Photo by Tina Young

"It's not a co-op where you go in and do the same thing everyday, you go in unexpected and come out unexpected." Every occurrence that you go to is different, said Alward. "That I think was the biggest challenge."

Alward has some advice to first year students who enter the Law and Security Administration program. "I would tell first year students who want to become police officers and get on the placement to go in there with your eyes open because it's not what you see on TV." She also added that 90 per cent of it is paperwork and sitting around and that is what they have to expect.

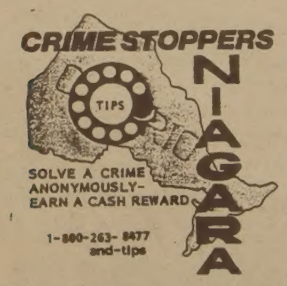
Alward said if they were allowed to go out every Friday instead of every other Friday they might have been able to experience more. "I think we should have had more time working with the same officer." The officers rate you and your allowed to use them for your own reference, she said.

Trojan said, "the students, after their hired, go through a training program including courses at the Ontario Police College in Alymer, Ont.

"I think that everybody in every program should have the opportunity to work co-op because it gives them hands-on knowledge," said Alward.

# Credit card fraud avoidable

Anyone can be a victim of credit card fraud. People can have cards stolen, businesses can be defrauded and unauthorized charges made to account numbers. Credit card fraud is a serious problem and we're all faced with paying the cost of losses.




Crime Stoppers is concerned with the growing problem of credit card crime and wants to hear from anyone with information about thefts and fraudulent use. People can also help to combat credit card crime by reporting lost cards to companies immediately and never giving account numbers to people over the telephone.

Consumers should treat credit cards like cash, keep a separate list of account numbers in case a wallet is stolen, and destroy carbons after completing a credit card transaction.

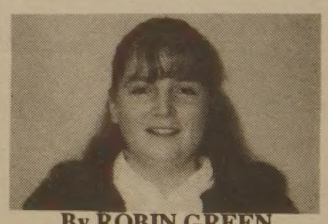
Crime Stoppers International, headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico, has issued some common sense recommendations to prevent people from becoming victims of credit card crime. Never leave credit cards in your car; don't lend your cards to anyone; and make sure transaction slips are properly filled in with the total amount before signing. Make sure your credit card is returned after making a purchase and keep copies of transaction statements to check against monthly bills.

Deal only with reputable companies, never sign a blank credit card slip and make sure any improperly filled out slips are destroyed. Never give anyone your security number on a cash card and take steps to avoid being overheard when using a telephone credit card to pay for a call.

If you have information about a credit card crime, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at a1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases, you will not have to reveal your identity.

*The Niagara Regional Police, in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc. writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations. Cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P.O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont., L2R 7A3.*

# *Violence unjustified means of peacekeeping*



By ROBIN GREEN
Staff Writer

At about 1 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, 1993, I was witness to an absolute disgusting display of violence at a popular bar in downtown St. Catharines. The music was playing, and while some people were still dancing, some were slowly making their way to the door. My friends and I were standing close to the door, among the crush of dozens of other people, when the words "big fight" were screamed in my ear. As I looked in the direction of the dance floor, expecting to see a couple of drunk customers duking it out, I was surprised to see that the big fight taking place was between one patron and four or five of the bar's bouncers.

The patron was picked up by the bouncers and carried at a vertical angle to the floor towards the exit. However, before they reached the door, the patron was dropped to the floor, held down, and repeatedly punched by the bouncers. He was then picked up and removed physically from the bar.

Although I did not see what happened once the patron and the bouncers were outside, when I walked out the door five minutes later, there were small puddles of blood on the sidewalk that had unsuccessfully been covered up by a few paper napkins. The patron was nowhere in sight.

A report in a St. Catharines school newspaper, almost a week after the incident, showed a picture of the bruised and stiched-up patron. Among his injuries were lost teeth, a missing bone from his jaw, and a nose injury. He is considering pressing charges against the bar.

I do not know what led to the incident at the bar. I do not know whether the patron was showing extreme unruly behavior and deserved to be removed from the bar. What I do know is there is absolutely no reason for the bouncers to have used so much force against this patron while removing him. I also know that it could not have possibly been necessary for four or five bouncers to remove only one person.

It seems to me that a bouncer's job is to keep an eye on the crowd and remove people that are dangerous to other people in the bar, or who are causing damage to the property. It is not, however, the bouncer's job to 'discipline' the people they are removing, regardless of the reasons they have for removing these people. If the unruly patron becomes violent, he should be restrained by as many bouncers as it takes (restraining does not mean punching or kicking), and the police should be called to handle it from there.

However atrocious this incident may seem, it is not the first time I have seen someone removed physically and with too much force from this bar. I feel if assault charges were to be laid against the bouncers after incidents such as this one, they would be reminded that they are not exempt from the laws of this province. They would also be reminded that the title of 'bouncer' does not entitle them to assault people who are causing trouble without being penalized. They might even be brought down to earth and begin doing their jobs properly. However, when people refrain from pressing charges, these bouncers feel they are above the law, and they will therefore continue to do their jobs improperly.

# Repeat sex offenders need tougher sentences

By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

Experiencing the trauma of sexual assault is an emotional crisis many women find difficult to handle, but to realize the attacker is a repeat offender can add greater pain to the situation.

Nineteen-year-old Nina De Villiers was abducted and murdered in 1991 by Jonathon Yeo, a then-convicted sex offender who was awaiting a trial date and had been released on bail.

Priscilla De Villiers, Nina's mother, has formed a citizens group to increase pressure on the federal government to increase penalties against first-time offenders and make the streets safer for Canadians.

Canadians Against Violence Everywhere Advocating its Termination (CAVEAT), a Burlington-based operation, has started a nationwide petition campaign asking Ottawa to increase penalties against sexual predators and to improve federal guidelines for distinguishing dangerous offenders.

Ann Walsh, a CAVEAT spokesperson, says the group's main goal is to see the "principles that govern make each decision with the protection of society the first priority." CAVEAT would like to see violent crime treated differently than non-violent crime. Walsh cited an example of sentencing: a non-violent embezzlement conviction landed a nine-year jail term in a federal penitentiary, whereas a father who was convicted for molesting his two daughters received a sentence of two years less-a-day to be served in a provincial correctional facility.

CAVEAT is looking for changes in legislation: specifically, they would like to see reforms made in the Criminal Code, the Bail Reform Act and the Parole Act. One of the major changes CAVEAT would like to see is in the parole system. The system does not allow the victim to speak at a parole hearing.

Walsh said allowing the victim a chance to speak at a parole hearing can put a face to the crime and in fact may aid in keeping the violent offenders in jail where they can't hurt anyone else.

A second change CAVEAT is pursuing is stronger correctional facilities. Walsh said the Warkworth Correctional Facility in Kingston has rehabilitation facilities for 90 inmates, but faces the problem of housing 300 inmates. Sex offenders need adequate counselling, if in fact they are going to be released back into society. The services offered are inefficient.

Jacques Belanger, media executive officer for the Correctional Service of Canada, said of the sex offenders incarcerated in Canada 76 per cent have no previous convictions for sex-related crimes. However, he said 12 per cent have one previous federal incarceration for sex crimes and an additional 12 per cent have two or more federal convictions for sex crimes.

Belanger acknowledged the number of repeat offenders is high, but said the responsibility of keeping violent offenders off the street is up to the courts. "The Dangerous Offender Clause of Ontario has been used about 58 times the last few years to keep dangerous offenders off the streets. If the public is in danger then the courts should keep these people off the street," said Belanger.

Vanessa, not her real name, is dealing with being a victim of sexual assault. Her ordeal has been a difficult one, and, although she said she is still nervous to be walking alone in the daytime, she is getting stronger each day. Vanessa said

*'Help make the streets safe again'*

while the police are trying to keep these criminals off the street, some of them should learn a little about compassion towards the victim. "They kept telling me I was the key witness to the crime, but I'm not a witness. I'm the one who was violated," said Vanessa.

New detectives have since taken over Vanessa's case and the relationship is much better, but she wants to point out that no amount of compassion by police can stop these crimes from happening. "People have to lose the 'this can't happen to me' attitude, more foot patrol by the police and more public awareness is needed. If you hear one of those rape alarms check it out, it could be serious," said Vanessa.

Niagara Regional Police Inspector Bob Sauder said a change in sentencing, from concurrent sentences to consecutive ones, could improve the situation of repeat offenders. Another positive change could come in the courts. Evidence of other offences is not admissable in a case until after a conviction. "Prior convictions for crimes like these should be allowed as evidence in a new trial," he said.

Sauder said the public must become more aware of their surroundings and realize these crimes are happening in their neighborhood. "If Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy's cases don't bring the reality of the problem home around here then nothing will," said Sauder.

Groups like CAVEAT help victims get active in informing the public of the threat of society's dangerous offenders. Jane, not her real name, has been a victim of stalking for 13 years and a member CAVEAT for the past couple of years. Her stalker is now serving an 18-month sentence for related crimes and Jane is doing as much as possible to get on with her life. As time grows closer to her stalker's release, Jane is preparing to take control over everything she can in regards to not being violated by him again. She said she is making every effort to ensure that the parole officer will understand that he must be back in jail if he makes even the smallest violation of his parole.

Jane echoes the sentiments of Vanessa and Insp. Sauder in saying the public "can't pretend it will never happen to them." She said people are so busy with their lives that they tend to wait for a tragedy to happen before they are motivated to make positive changes.

"People have to write to their MPs and support groups like CAVEAT to help make the streets safe again," said Jane.

Politicians and legal officials are struggling with how to make the streets safe again and also upholding the rights of the victim and the accused. Too often the victims right's are placed behind those of the accused. "That's the understatement of the year - you feel like you're on trial and that is just not right!" Jane said.

Many individuals feel the answer to the problem of repeat offenders is to reinstate capital punishment. CAVEAT has taken the position that capital punishment is a "red herring."

Walsh said too many crimes committed by offenders would not warrant the death penalty under current U.S. sentencing guidelines. She said tougher sentencing and "stiffer" parole guidelines could improve the situation.

Victims tend to take a different view. Vanessa and Jane both would like to see capital punishment implemented in Canada. "I don't think it could hurt," said Jane. "I'd be willing to die innocent to see the truly guilty pay for their crimes."

# *Is your relationship a fairy tale or a nightmare?*

By ELAINE DOOLITTLE
Staff Writer

Lawrence swore it would never happen again.

Laura and Lawrence had been married for two years. It was a fairy-tale romance and marriage to Laura. Then Lawrence started to push her around. This was the end of the fairy tale. "I will never do that again," he said.

Have you heard those words before after a push or a slap? Did you think you deserved it? Or was he just playing? Probably. I've heard those words before.

I understand the type of relationship Laura lived through. My relationship began with plenty of romance. Then ended in fear. The choice I made was to get the heck out. This made me a much stronger and wiser person. I knew that an abusive relationship would only lead to my self-destruction. All of the things that I loved and enjoyed in life would have been destroyed if I had continued to live in this situation.

If you ever find yourself in an abusive situation — emotional or even sexual — my advice would be to think about yourself. If there are children involved think about what they might be going through when they see their mother suffering.

When the time comes for you to make a final decision, you find yourself asking questions. For example, can I survive on my own? Will he change? Can he survive without me? If you constantly ask yourself questions and find the same conclusion then GET OUT.

The victim often feels leaving does not solve anything. However you would be surprised how effective it could be for yourself. Be careful when you make up your mind. If things get too unbearable don't be foolish to think you can handle the abuse by yourself. Any type of support you hear about can and will be beneficial for your own well-being.

For help there is a shelter in St. Catharines and anyone can call collect 24 hours a day at 1-416-684-8331.

The first step is always the hardest. I know, I was in the same situation once upon a time.

# *French language programs popular at Niagara*

By AIMEE PHILIPPE
Staff Writer

Anne Audet Giroux has been the manager of French Language Services (FLS) at Niagara College since May 1, 1992.

FLS offers three post-secondary programs — two of which are taught in French only.

Other programs offered in both English and French include: Early Childhood Education, Nursing Assistant, and Tourism/Tourist Attractions.

Plans are being made to offer Office Administration, general. The enrolment in FLS courses range from 130 to 145 people in the evening. These programs are offered over three semesters and can be taken at six different levels — the higher the level, the more demanding it becomes.

Giroux is responsible for organizing a French Secondary Language program called En Bons Termes, which is taught in the Continuing Education mode. The program emphasizes mainly speaking and listening skills. The main purpose of the program is to be "comfortable with conversational French," she says.

Ontario Basic Skills (FBO) is a service offered off campus at Confederation Secondary School in Welland and the second session for the service started April 5 and will continue for 42 weeks with holiday breaks. FBO is open to adults wanting to achieve high school equivalencies (up to Grade 12 in subjects such as French, English and Math), to upgrade at their pace (part time or full time) and to plan a career.

Academic upgrading in French basic subjects is also offered through a Jobs Ontario Pre-employment Program. Offered jointly by Confederation Secondary School and Niagara College, the program allows the earning of credits toward a high school diploma and may also give an opportunity for college credits. There is no cost to eligible participants.

The target group for French post-secondary programs are both post-secondary students and mature students who are coming back to school. For example, in the Nursing Assistant program, there are mainly adult students at this time.

Recruiting students to existing programs is a big issue. Constant dynamic recruitment is necessary.

Co-management of post-secondary programs is shared with three other directors.

Giroux participates in meetings with other Francophone administrators from other bi-lingual and French colleges to collaborate with them on provincial dossiers such as the College Standards Accreditation Council, Prior Learning Assessment, Advanced Training and Distance learning.

She is a busy woman who "generates a lot of activity."

"You rarely see me sitting down at my desk," she says.

# The French legacy will never be forgotten

By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

One year after the abduction and murder of Kristen French, her family and friends are ensuring that her legacy is not forgotten.

Kristen was a member of the Holy Cross Secondary School Rowing Club and her teammates and coaches christened a new four-seat rowing shell, "Kristen's Spirit," to be used by Holy Cross rowers.

The shell was officially dedicated at a ceremonial dinner at Club Roma in St. Catharines on April 15. Kristen's parents, Doug and Donna French, christened the shell with head rowing coach Mike Thompson before about 300 dinner guests. The guests purchased tickets at a cost of $20 each. Club Roma donated the staff time.

Double Olympic rowing gold medalist Marnie McBean was the guest speaker at the dinner.

Thompson said he was pleased with the evening because although there will always be a sense of loss when Kristen is the focus of an event, the dinner "celebrated life and living."

Holy Cross students have been under a constant media microscope since Kristen disappeared April 16, 1992. The school has had to deal with that pressure as a family, and Thompson said being together really helped students and staff through such a difficult period. "During the important events such as when Kristen's body was discovered or when [Paul] Bernardo [of St. Catharines] was arrested we were, and still are, very much a family," said Thompson.

Maurice Charbonneau, principal at Holy Cross, said the media spotlight was a source of fear for many.

The Kristen French Memorial Scholarship Fund has reached $60,000 and this June, there will be 15, $200 awards presented at schools throughout Niagara Region. All proceeds from the dinner went to pay for the rowing shell, which cost about $12,000.

Nights such as the dinner are memorials to Kristen's legacy and should be enjoyable evenings full of good memories of her. "The students have to begin to realize it is OK to feel OK," said Thompson.

# *Sexual Harassment: No Means No!*

By LORI DUCK
Staff Writer

Sexual harassment.

That single statement makes women angry and men confused.

What exactly is sexual harassment? Is it being questioned about the way you dress? How about being told a lewd joke? Or is it being told your perfume smells nice? Who actually knows.

Quebec journalist, editor and translater Johanne de Bellefeuille recently wrote a book entitled Sexual Harassment: No Means No!

De Bellefeuille writes a grim picture of harassment in Quebec. She uses her own personal experiences and the experiences of three Quebec women in her book.

Figures show in 1990-1991, 256 women asked the Quebec Human Rights Commission to shelve their harassment cases.

In a recent interview with the Hamilton Spectator, de Bellefeuille says a good percentage of the cases are dropped because of the stress the victims feel at having to testify before the tribunal.

De Bellefeuille also says single mothers, domestics and immigrant women are being targeted more often for sexual harassment.

These women are being targeted because their harassers know they fear being fired if they complain.

Sexual harassment can turn into sexual assault. It can happen anywhere and Niagara College is no exception.

Carolyn Hurst, the college nurse at the Health Centre in the Lundy wing, said there has been about "12 cases of sexual assault this year. All cases involved women." The assaults didn't happen on campus, but in the community, she said.

Hurst said "there is an awareness of sexual assault," and starting next year a campaign will be launched at the college.

Get Educated! No Means No! Combat Date and Aquaintance Rape on College and University Campuses. This campaign will start at orientation next year and will continue through the school year.

All colleges and universities have put some money aside. A total of $4 million was raised and Niagara is receiving "a fair portion" of the funds, she said.

Hurst said anyone who has been assaulted, or wants to talk about a relationship, can come to the health centre and talk. Or if they want, they can talk to a counsellor.

# Rowers find the sport to be an addiction

By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

Rowing in Canada has become a high-profile sport thanks to the success of the Canadian crews at last summer's Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.

Double gold medal winner Marnie McBean, 24, said she first became interested in the sport while watching the closing ceremonies on television of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. "It looked like a lot of fun and there didn't seem to be any individuals, everbody was a part of the team — like rowing," said McBean.

McBean said rowers are such a close group that there is a "great deal" of respect between competitors and crew members alike.

The Canadian team's success has translated into profit for many of the members. After returning from Spain the first thing McBean did was hire an agent. "I want to make enough money through endorsements and speaking engagements to be able to train for four more years and retire from rowing with enough savings established to begin life after rowing comfortably," said McBean.

High school rowing has always been a big sport in the Niagara Region as far as participation is concerned. Governor Simcoe Secondary School has had a great deal of success in both the men's and women's programs.

Rudy Wieler is entering his third year as coach with the Simcoe Jr. Women's Heavyweight Eight crew. The crew is coming off a successful season last year capturing a silver medal at the Canadian Secondary School Rowing Championship at Henley Island in St. Catharines. Wieler said the success of the national program has helped rowing by making people more aware of the availability of programs across Canada.

Carys Jones, 16, the coxswain of the crew, said the Olympic program is a goal, but right now just doing well at this level is what is important. "I'd like to cox at the World Championships eventually, but right now we are looking forward to this season," said Jones.

Rowers are dedicated to their sport so much that many of their friendships outside of rowing are put on hold during the busy race season. McBean said rowing, like most athletes, is her life. "If I take a holiday, it's a rowing holiday," she said.

Rowing is an expensive sport requiring a lot of financial aid and McBean said it is important for the media to continue to cover rowing so the sponsors continue to fund the athletes and the events.

Rowing requires a large commitment from the athletes, and as many have found, it is addictive.

"Rowing is an addiction, once you start you don't want to stop," said Simcoe rower Nicki Strickland. "The will to win is the power within."

# Greenpeace helps out with January oil spill

By KERI REED
Staff Writer

Greenpeace is the world's best-known environmental group which uses non-violent, direct actions to bring attention to environmental problems. Greenpeace has about 300,000 Canadian members and about five million members in 33 countries.

At the beginning of January 1993, an oil spill took place off the shores of the Shetland Islands, 50 miles northeast of Scotland's Orkney Islands.

Scot McFadyen, 24, of Hamilton is the office director and canvassing director of Greenpeace's office at 32 Hess St., in Hamilton. McFadyen began canvassing shortly after the Gulf War in 1990.

SCOT McFADYEN

"I believe in what I'm doing. I don't feel bad about coming to work," he said.

McFadyen took a week off work and went to the Shetland Islands to help with the oil spill. He was the media contact person. By phoning people and explaining the situation to newspapers, 10,000 pounds ($22,000 Canadian) was raised.

The oil spill was caused by a ship attempting to take a short cut during a storm with hurricane winds. The ship's engines failed causing the ship to drift into rocks.

As a result, 10,000 birds died, one-quarter of the salmon farms have closed and one-quarter of the islands have been affected.

McFadyen said people figure the oil spill is no longer affecting the Shetland Islands. The oil, however, is considered poison in the water and is in the food chain. The oil spill has a long term affect, he said.

McFadyen also set up a seal sanctuary. While the seals were not immediately affected, the oil in their food chain will be a long-term consequence.

To prevent further oil spills, there should be stricter regulations on which tankers are allowed on the oceans, and Canada should not permit tankers into some ports.

Greenpeace does not only need those with environmental education, everyone is able to help out. McFadyen himself owned his own theatre company before working for Greenpeace. This made him comfortable with public speaking which helps his canvassing. Interest in helping the environment is the only qualification anyone needs to take part in creating a solution for our problems.

Greenpeace can be reached at 521-2720 in Hamilton.

# College prepares students for health care world

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

Future health-care professionals are preparing for the medical world at Niagara College.

Allied Health Studies (AHS) is "a coherent family of programs," says Bob Baddeley, 54, of Fonthill.

In 1967, Baddeley began working with Niagara College in the Adult Education Program.

In 1973, he switched to AHS and in 1992 he completely took over AHS as director.

AHS includes Dental Hygiene, Dental Office Administration, Dental Assistant, Health Records Technician, Medical Transcriptionist Health Records, Health Sciences Preparatory program and the Ambulance Emergency Care program.

The number of students in each program varies from 27 in the Dental Hygiene program up to 130 in the Health Science Preparatory program.

Enrolment in September will increase "because we're taking in 35 Dental Hygiene students as compared to 27 last year," Baddeley said.

This year AHS is training 350 students with 14 full-time professors, 15 to 30 part-time staff and six to 25 support staff, he said.

Part-time and support staff are health-care professionals from the community who share their knowledge and skill with students.

"Part-time staff includes a number of dentists from the community who come in and do restorative dentistry in our restorative clinic," Baddeley said. "Support staff assist in patient care labs, equipment and scenario testing."

Scenario testing is a simulated case or problem presented to an ambulance student "to actually work through that case just as he or she would if they were working in an ambulance."

Potential programs being developed for AHS are the Pharmacy Assistant program, Occupational Therapy Assistant program and Physiotherapy Assistant program, he said.

***AHS 'a coherent family program' Baddeley***

"One of the things we're talking about right now (but) we haven't done any development work in, is the Biotechnology Technicians program."

The biotechnology program would focus on technology, procedures, equipment and team work.

The 1992 statistics for the post-graduate student placement was 80 per cent.

For the workforce's future Baddeley said, "I think a greater utilization (will be) made of people who are in the assistant role."

## Holy Cross rowing shell named for Kristen French

Holy Cross Secondary School rowers stand with Olympic gold medalist Marnie McBean (holding hat) behind "Kristen's Spirit." See story page 10.

Photo by Gregory Kelly

# Dental Hygiene a challenge

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

Clean teeth — great smile!

The Niagara College Dental Clinic services are available to everyone until the end of June.

The clinic, staffed with 24 students, is located on the third floor of the Simcoe building.

"It's (the Dental Hygiene program) a challenge," says Dental Hygiene program student Karrel Lattimer, 23, of Windsor, Ont. "I really enjoy the learning aspect, there's something new everyday."

A first appointment usually takes three hours and includes a complete examination, cleaning, polishing and a fluoride treatment.

Radiographs (X-rays) are done when necessary.

"It's (the clinic) very thorough," said clinical technician Jo Szabo, 38, of Welland.

Adult patients pay an annual registration fee of $10.

The youngest patients the clinic will accept must be six years of age "because it's (the appointment) a long process," said Szabo a Niagara College employee for the past 11 years.

Towards the end of June, the Dental Hygiene students will be busy with written and clinical exams, Szabo said.

"It's a really heavy course load in Dental Hygiene," Lattimer said. It's a very compact course and they've tried to put a lot into a one-year program."

Following exams the students will finish the year by writing their provincial licencing exams.

"In the past it's (the placement rate) been 100 per cent," said Szabo.

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# Terminal illness no joke

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

You walk into a pub and hear people carrying on. Jokes being told without any thought. Someone says "light me a cancer stick please." Or someone says an AIDS joke without thinking about what it actually means.

Are you one of those individuals who laugh at jokes that deal with life and death situations?

Nobody thinks it will ever happen to them.

Many people have never dealt with someone who is suffering a life-threatening disease. Until faced with someone extremely close to you who is dying from cancer, you will never understand the impact it can have.

When someone mocks about breast cancer everyone laughs, because the word breast is in the joke. Is it supposed to be funny?

Cancer can and will end your life no matter where it is. Some people are not lucky enough to be given chemotherapy. The emotional scars of being told you may have cancer live with you for the rest of your life. I am proof of that, but luckily the doctor's diagnosis was totally wrong.

I recently visited my aunt in Scotland who is dying from liver cancer. She suffers everyday. She is just sitting at home waiting to die. She cannot have a bowel movement on her own without pills, she cannot eat solid food, and gets weak so easily. It was the most gut-wrenching experience I hope I will ever have to face.

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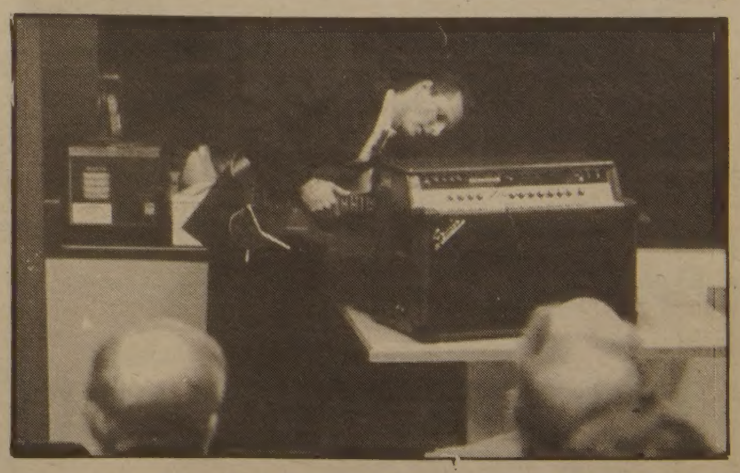
At 5 a.m. I was leaving and went to say my final goodbye when she said, "I want you to make something of yourself." I replied "I will be a top Canadian journalist and make you proud of me."

Sadly, many people think illness can only happen to older people. It was their time to die is what you often hear. Was it Terry Fox's time to die?

The reason for this column is to make people comprehend something, and that is "LIFE IS SHORT."

The future is now not months or 10 years from now. Don't waste your life dreaming about what you want out of life. "DO IT!"



## Steven Ruch demonstrates his vara-tube, pre-amp modifier

Steven Ruch, of the Electronic Engineering Technology program, demonstrates how his amplifier works. See story page 12.

Photo by Mike Michaud

# IEEE student member receives prize for invention

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

The dynamic-range compander; the vara-tube pre-amp modifier.

No, these are not components of one of NASA's billion-dollar space shuttles.

They are student projects presented at Niagara College's IEEE (Institute of Electrical/Electronic Engineers) Technical Report Night. About 60 people attended the annual event, which was held at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, April 14.

The Technical Report, which technology students begin in their fourth term, is a combination of both written and practical work. The students design and build an electronic device, which is completed and presented before their classmates in the sixth term. Volunteers are then chosen to present their invention if front of representatives from the college, local high schools and both the IEEE Hamilton branch and the IEEE Student branch.

The IEEE Student branch is a school club which takes its members from technology programs and is supported by the IEEE Hamilton branch.

This year's presenters were Jason Lowe and Steven Ruch, both of whom are enrolled in the Electronics Engineering Technology program at Niagara.

Lowe, 23, invented the dynamic-range compander, which allows reproduction of live music onto audio cassette, while acting as a noise reduction system. Dynamic range, said Lowe, is the difference in decibels between the loudest and softest sounds in a piece of music.

He said the dynamic range of an "average" concert is about 120 dB, while an audio cassette has about 50 dB available. The dynamic range of the music must be compressed in order for it to fit onto the cassette. It then must be expanded at home in order to achieve the quality of a live performance, and this is where Lowe's compander comes in.

The compander circuit both compresses and expands the dynamic range of a song, saving the high and low sounds that are frequently lost with normal compression.

"It can make cassettes competitive with digital recording," said Lowe.

Lowe said the main uses for the dynamic-range compander will be FM radio, audio cassettes and television stereo sound.

Ruch's invention also deals with noise - not with the reduction, but with the increase of it. He created the vara-tube pre-amp modifier. The device fits inside a tube amplifier and is used to generate "more distortion," said Ruch, 23.

More distortion, if you were not aware, is the never-ending aim of rock 'n' roll guitarists. To get more distortion, one might get his or her amplifier permanently modified, but that would void the warranty, he said.

"You can plug this in and play until you blow your amp out," said Ruch. "Then you just bring it (the amp) in and the warranty is still good."

The vara-tube has three main stages of modification, and one minor stage. The first stage increases the gain of the sound coming into the amp by 50 times. The second stage increases the gain by 200 times, and the third stage by 250 times. The minor stage cuts out the high sound to give the guitar a "fatter" sound so you can play more "bluesy" music, Ruch said.

He said since the vara-tube affects only the input signal, the guitarist can "roll back" the volume on the guitar, and the effects of the vara-tube can't be heard. When the volume is turned back up the distortion also comes back.

Ruch said he hopes to get his circuit patented and to find a company to produce it. He said he eventually hopes to get the vara-tube made into a pedal model because "it gets pretty awkward flipping switches while you're playing."

Julian Dravis, of the Hamilton branch of the IEEE, attended to give a cash award to the best presenter. Ruch, who gave a performance on his guitar to demonstrate the vara-tube, received the prize.

"We encourage young people to get involved in activities like these," said Dravis, who congratulated the two students on their "excellent" presentations.

# *Bake sale fundraiser*

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

In front of the college library on April 14, a group of second-year Human Relations program students held a bake sale to raise money for a housing centre in Welland.

"It's to raise funds for a youth group in a low-income housing centre in Welland," said James Jeanes, 21.

The centre is on McLaughlin Street. It is a non-profit, non-funded organization, said Jeanes.

The proceeds will be used to send children from the housing centre on various excursions.

"We try to teach them positive life skills so they can get off the streets and eventually off social services," he said.

About $213 was raised for the centre.

Dale Deloughery and James Jeanes, second-year Human Relations students, are seen stationed in front of the library selling baked goods. Money made from the sale went to a low-income housing center on McLaughlin Street.

**Photo by Tina Young**

Reminder

## Locker cleanout

Reminder to all Niagara College students: the end of the year is upon us and it's time to empty our lockers. All lockers must be cleaned out by May 14 or locks will be cut-off. The college will not be held responsible for the contents of these lockers after this date.

# *A sigh of relief*

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

Third-year interior design students breathed a sigh of relief on Monday, April 19 and Tuesday, April 20.

The 1993 graduating interior design class held jury presentations of their individual major research projects. 10 students presented their projects on Monday and Tuesday.

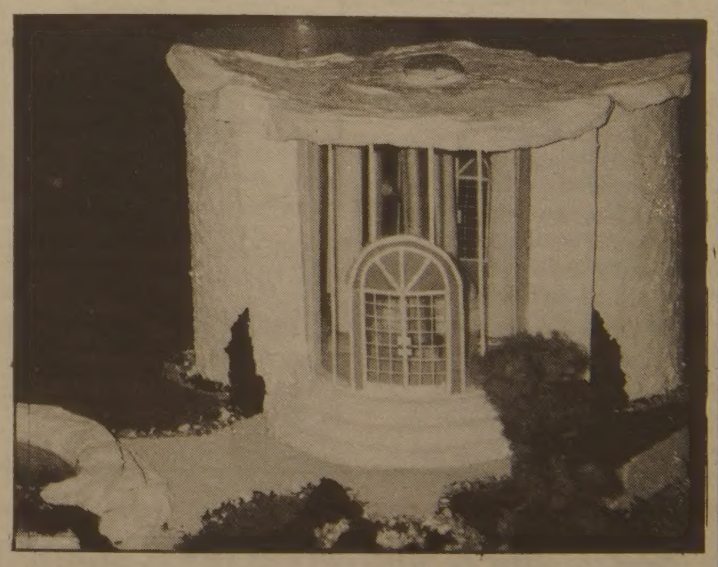
The jury included professional interior designers from the surrounding area and the department's advisory committee.

Among the jurors were Rex Parker of St. Catharines, Jane Roberts of Oakville, Kathleen Wicks of Toronto, Thomas Nader and Doris Fraser, both of Port Colborne. All are members of the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario.

David Winters, a co-ordinator of the Interior Design Department, opened the presentation with a brief introduction of the jury as fellow students, friends, and family of the presenters sat in the Tecumseh Lounge.

The student's working drawing were not presented but will be available for viewing by the school at a later date.

There were five scheduled presentations for each day. Each presentation lasted about 30 minutes in length with about 20 minutes for questions from the jury.



These are two projects that were on display on the second floor of the Simcoe building last week. The projects were done by the third year Interior Design students.

**Photos by Donna Dolynsky**

# GM retiree computes future prospects

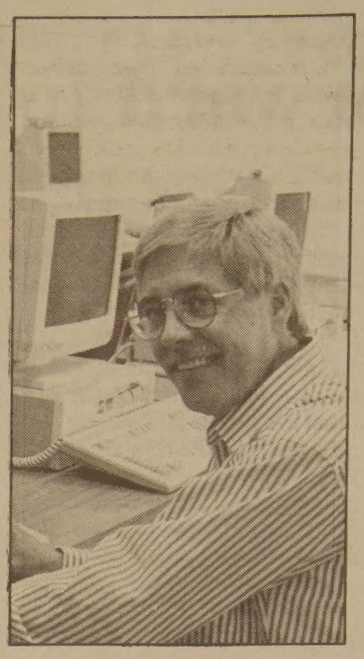
By PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

An early retirement gave Bill Bond a jump-start on his favorite pursuit — computers.

Bond, 53, of Beamsville, Ont., retired from General Motors after 30 years employment, 15 as supervisor, on April 22, 1992.

The Niagara College computer courses he is taking were offered as part of the retirement package which also included refunds for tuition fees.

Bond must buy his own books, but doesn't mind. "I would have gone back to school anyway." He whet his appetite for further studies 15 years ago when he took a Business Management course in order to become a supervisor. "If companies pay to further educate their employees, they get better employees," Bond said, adding a lot of workplaces are changing and, therefore, career style must change.



BILL BOND

In the 1992-93 academic year Bond has taken six computer courses. "WordPerfect is my thing." Why stop there? In the spring he plans to tackle LOTUS 1-2-3 and dBase III.

"Computers are a hobby that can become a money-making business, it's nice getting paid for a hobby," he said. In the meantime Bond offers his expertise on a volunteer basis to St. John's Ambulance and the AIDS Committee for Niagara.

His retirement has made him a contented man. "I don't work shifts anymore, that in itself is great," he said. Leaving the stress of GM behind, he quit smoking the day he retired. A year later he hasn't looked back and finds himself much more relaxed at home.

Bond, a married father of two grown children, credits his studies at Niagara as one of the reasons for his happiness. "Use any opportunity to stay in school," he said.

While observing his classmates, he said that the second generation is coming back. The 1993-94 academic year offers more interesting computer courses and Bond plans to be there. He is more than happy to share his knowledge during his studies at Niagara.

Anyone need a peer tutor?

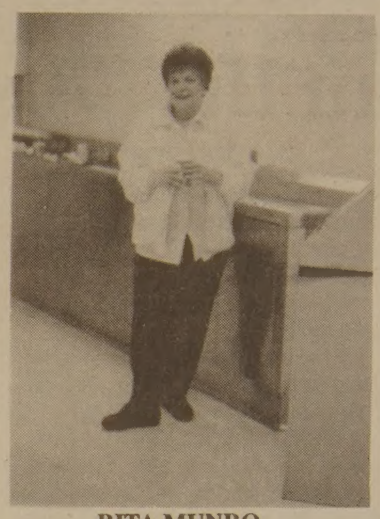
# *Niagara College Mom retires*

By KERI REED
Staff Writer

Cleaning the tables and the floors are not the only jobs to be done in the cafeteria of the Welland campus of Niagara College. Rita Munro also "keeps the kids in line."

Munro, 65, of Welland, is better known as the Niagara College Mom. After working with the college for 11 years, Munro will be retiring at the end of April.

She once worked for the Welland General Hospital in housekeeping, and after being retired for three years, she began working at the college.



RITA MUNRO

Munro said she is "quite proud" of being known as the Niagara College Mom.

"Six or seven years ago, some girls from Early Childhood Education bought me the jacket," she said, referring to her jacket which says Niagara College Mom on the back.

She said the reason for returning to the college to work each year was for the students. Munro said she enjoys working around them.

Munro said she would like to thank all of the students for making her time at the college memorable.

"I'll never forget the kids."

# The dawning of the age of Aquarius

By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

Some say that the 1990s is the rebirth of the Age of Aquarius. New words, clothes and music have emerged astral — projecting themselves around the globe and into the minds of cosmic-hungry teenagers.

Unlike the yuppie, free-spending 1980s, the power of the 1990s is dominated by penny-concious workingclass individuals. For the working class it has brought more tolerance and fewer jobs. For their children: grunge.

So what is the grunge scene all about?

Like the workingclass, grunge has always existed: lukewarm in draft glasses at seedy bars; penetrating the ears of a closet anarchist; hanging in the Goodwill; scribbled on scraps of paper.

But it's different today.

Is it because trend-setters have exploited the grunge ideology for a cash-in? Clothes that were a fashion faux pas a few years ago, such as Doc Marten boots, bell bottoms and concert T-shirts, now fill the pages of leading fashion magazines.

Is it because grunge has snowballed into a commercialized psuedo-hippie fashion statement with a punk-rock edge that caters to the Much Music audience? In the music industry bands are sailing the seas of cheese by exchanging talent for image.

What's scary about the 1990s grunge era is its trendiness. What's "in" today is surely to be condemned next season.

Perhaps, in the future, the grunge followers of today will not be afraid to admit that they inhaled their 1990 experiences. Perhaps they will not condemn those who have and always will exist in the grunge realm by choice, not by trend.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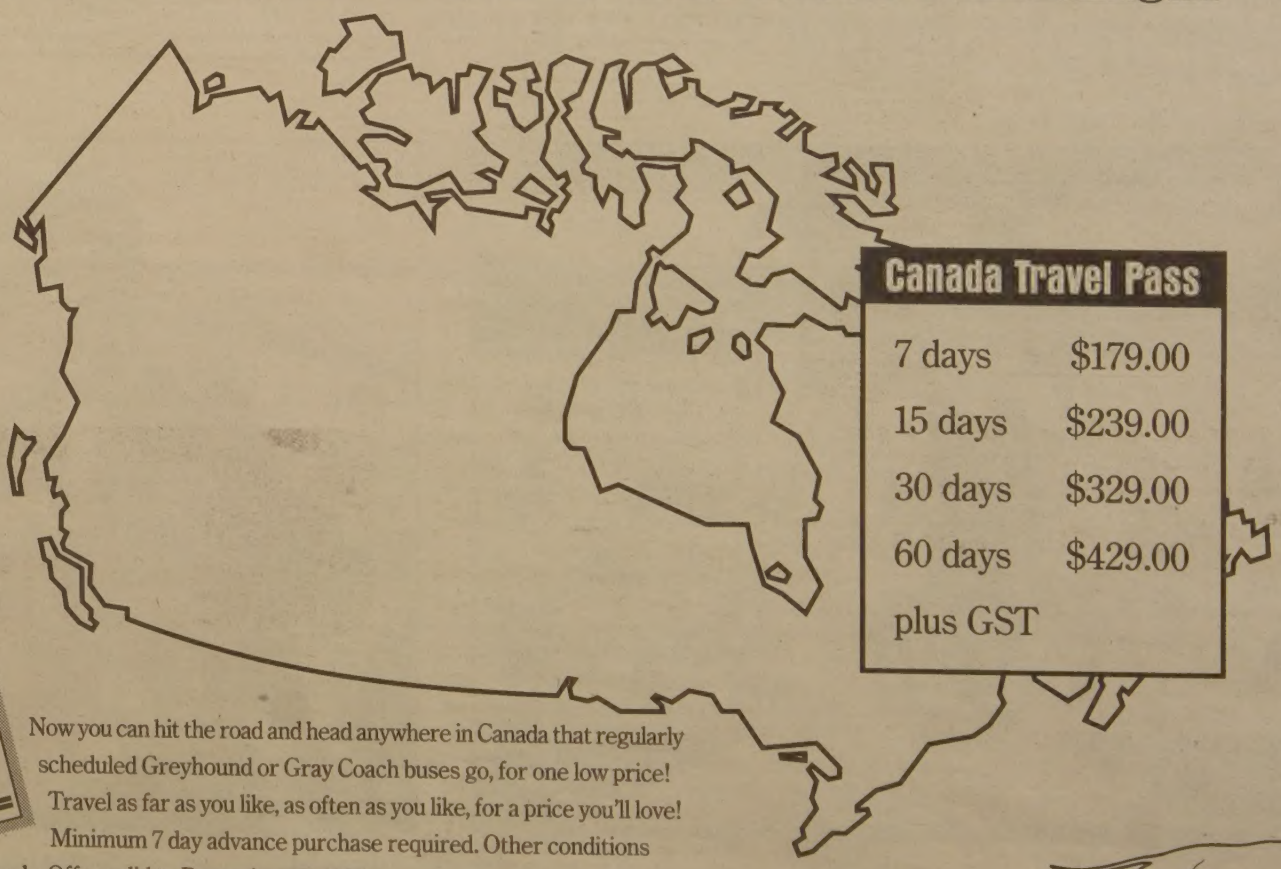

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SALUTE TO FASHION

# Fashion show at Seaway Mall

# Styles from the '70s spring forward to the '90s

By ELAINE DOOLITTLE
Staff Writer

The fashion trend of the 1970s are in full bloom in the 1990s.

The theme of the fashion show held at the Seaway Mall in Welland on April 17, related back to the 70s.

George Grenier, 20, a second-year student in the Fashion Merchandising Visual Promotions program, worked as the station manager for the show. He said the amount of hours he put into the show were about six days. "The next time I do something like this, I want to be able to run the whole thing. The students worked with the promoters from each store. I really enjoyed working with all of the models.

"The only thing that didn't follow suit with the scene of the fashion show was the music," he said.

Angelique Sobschak, 23, a first-year student in the Fashion Merchandising Visual Promotions program, also worked in putting the fashion show together. "I found the models were fabulous to work with, they were very mature. The show went so smooth it was scary. We all worked well together," she said.

Nancy Croce, Press and Promotions Co-ordinator for Doral Holdings, was the commentator of the fashion show. She said the students were "wonderful"to work with and the team effort was "definitely thought through." "They did an excellent job. They got together and conjugated an idea and I had an idea, it came out exactly as I visualized it." The only thing she feels could have been done differently is having more time to spend on it.

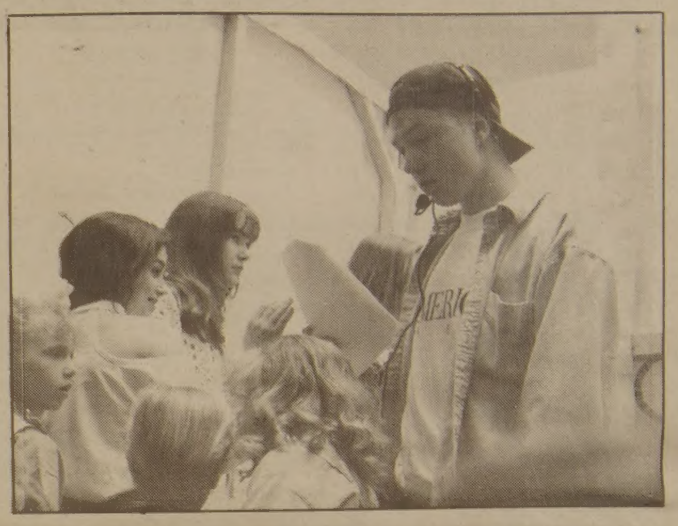
Carole Timm, faculty adviser of the program, supervised her students while they worked. She said there was a lot of planning months ahead. There were "full time hours" put into the fashion show. "The retail sale of the stores that participated in the show increased.

"Overall it was a positive experience for the students. It merged their creative abilities in marketing and merchandising," she said.

Cindy King, a student at Niagara College, said the music didn't follow the theme of the show.

The stores that provided the fashions were asked to participate by deciding what clothes to use in the fashion show. There were three shows; one Friday night and two Saturday.

Joe Picca (left) is trying to do a rush job to get his tie on properly. He will be wearing fashions from John Porner. Angelique Sobschak, fashion student, is watching to make sure everything goes smoothly.
**Photo by Tina Young**



George Grenier is found here behind the scenes making sure everything stays under control. Grenier spent most of his time behind the stage during all three shows.
**Photo by Tina Young**

*Spring Fashion*

The fashion show was a hit for the young and old. Ardene's was one of the stores that participated in the show. Six women on stage were modelling fashions from Ardene's.
**Photo by Tina Young**

Nancy Croce was the master of ceremonies at a recent fashion show held at the Seaway Mall. Croce was a former student and graduate of the Fashion Merchandising and Visual Promotions program.
**Photo by Tina Young**

ENTERTAINMENT

# Former member of Queen goes solo

By NOREEN BOND
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Brian May has launched a solo career.

May, 45, the lead guitarist of Queen, worked five years on his first solo album.

The album entitled Back To The Light is connected with many of May's personal feelings about life. In the beginning May didn't feel his life had much direction, but now the light in his life shines bright.

May's first single of the album is entitled Driven By You. Here are a few lines from the song.

"You know we are never going to know who's dreaming.

But were working night and day to make a dream come true.

Everything I do is driven by you."

These lyrics express the true feeling of May.

> The album is dedicated to ... the late Freddie Mercury ... who died of AIDS

Too Much Love Will Kill You, a song yet to be released, tells the story of May's lowest point in life, a time when he was confused by life itself.

I would recommend Back To The Light because it is an excellent album which features many hard rock songs, which Queen is famous for. Also there are a number of ballads on the album which allow May to express his true feelings. This album features May's excellent guitar and vocal talents.

The album is dedicated to a number of people including May's father Harold and the late Freddie Mercury, lead vocalist of Queen who died of AIDS in November 1991.

# *Persistence pays off*

By TODD L'ECUYER
Staff Writer

The Butthole Surfers have been scratching the surface of noise and churning the bowels of underground music for over 10 years. A turning point for the band was marked in 1992 as they signed a major record deal with Capital Records.

You would expect to see a big change when people like Tipper Gore, the woman behind the PMRC (Parents Music Resource Centre) and queen of music censorship, end up in the White House. You would expect to see a resurgence in popularity for old, fat, out of date acts like Fleetwood Mac, leaving innovative noise makers like Butthole Surfers out in the cold, never rising above cult status. The band's latest release, Independent Worm Saloon, has given me new hope, anyone who is persistent can make the big time.

That's right, good old Texan rock is back, don't expect ZZ Top. The Butthole Surfers are Gibby Haynes, Jeff Pinkus, Paul Leary And King Coffee. Although Independent Worm Saloon is the band's first release on Capital Records, it certainly isn't their debut. The band has recorded a number of past material on the independent labels Touch and Go and Rough Trade.

> Former Led Zeppelin bass player John Paul Jones produced the band's latest release

The band's latest release is traditional Butthole style, the major difference is in the quality of the production. Former Led Zeppelin bass player John Paul Jones produced the band's latest release. It's interesting to hear how a quality producer has managed to tie up all the musical loose ends that have been so common on the band's past efforts. This release is consistent and structured. Old fans don't worry, there's enough Locust Abortion Technician and Hairway to Steven influence to keep you happy.

With a video release and a major recording deal, you can most likely expect to see the band ride the same popularity wave as bands such as Ministry or Nine Inch Nails. Obviously Capital Records feel the Butthole Surfers are marketable, so be prepared to see bigger things for the band.

Independent Worm Saloon is a great release, it's hard hitting and fast. I'd recommend it for all who have an idea of what they're getting into. On the other hand, if you're confused or not sure what to expect, if your idea of good music is The Steve Miller Band, for God sakes steer clear of this one.

Frank Erhardt, 20, musician and poet.
Photo by Stuart McDonald

# Music touches soul

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

When the Mojos, a local band from St. Catharines, needed an opening band for one of their concerts last summer they went to Frank Erhardt to put one together.

Because the Mojos' credentials include opening for 54-40, a popular Canadian rock group, Erhardt said he was flattered.

Erhardt, 20, a first-year General College program student, is trying to get his Professional Writer's Certificate to help him become a better poet and songwriter, he said.

One of Erhardt's songs was part of the Professional Writer's Certificate display at the college's open house on April 4.

Donna Kerrigan, creator of the writer's certificate, said Erhardt has talent that needs to be developed. "I've encouraged him to enter the Sparrow Grass poetry competition down east (New Jersey)," she said.

Erhardt has other fans at the college including Alana Foley, Kim Stewart and Sherry Nunns.

Foley, 19, an Early Childhood Education program student, read Erhardt's song *Free* and said "It made me want to cry."

*Free* is about child abuse and Kim Stewart, 20, a first-year General College program student, said the song is "pretty scary." She has read about five of Erhardt's songs and said they were "moving and some gave me chills."

Nunns, 21, a first-year General College program student, has also read some of Erhardt's songs. "They were really good. I think if he works at it he'll do really well as a poet or a songwriter," she said.

Erhardt, from St. Catharines, is the lyricist and lead singer for the band Melting Chains. "I am basically a simple poet who wants to express himself through his music," said Erhardt who added he would rather write his own songs than cover other people's music.

"I can't write music though, so I hum out songs to other people who write the music for me," he said. "The results usually turn out exactly how I want.

"I have a musical instinct," he said. "I'm like an animal and I know exactly what to do when writing songs."

# Cult releases compilation album

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

The compilation album.

This may bring back memories of K-Tel's super hits of the 1970s or easy listening favorites of the 1980s. But in the 1990s the compilation album is not a sign that a band is over the hill. It is merely a way to give fans a synopsis of a group's best songs without having to buy a whole stack of albums (or should I say CD's).

Almost every popular band in existence, from Pink Floyd to Elton John has released a "best of..." collection, and the Cult is no exception.

Pure Cult for Rockers, Ravers, Lovers and Sinners (Pure Cult) is the name of this latest installation to the Cult library, of which I am a card-carrying member.

Pure Cult is a collection of 18 of the Cult's best tunes. It boasts such hits as Rain, Edie (Ciao baby), Fire Woman and the quintessential Cult song She Sells Sanctuary. Also included on the album is The Witch, which is not on any previous album, but was recorded for the soundtrack to the film Cool World.

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The Cult began as The Southern Death Cult in 1982, but that group soon disbanded. Singer Ian Astbury joined guitarist Billy Duffy of Theatre of Hate, and the Cult was born. The Cult's first album, Dreamtime was released in 1984, attaining only marginal success.

Their next album, Love, was released in 1985. With such popular songs as She Sells Sanctuary, Rain, and Revolution, the Cult became an international success.

Love was followed in 1987 by Electric, which saw such songs as Love Removal Machine and Wildflower make it onto the charts. The Cult was now a household name.

Sonic Temple, released in 1989, gave the Cult No. 1 hits with Fire Woman and Edie (Ciao baby). Their next album, Ceremony, which was released in 1991, produced another top 10 hit with Wild Hearted Son. These successes lifted the Cult to superstar status, which created the perfect atmosphere for a compilation disc.

Pure Cult was released in earlier this year, and is already a best-seller. For those of you who haven't yet experienced the exhilaration of listening to the Cult's music, I suggest you pick up this album. It will leave you breathless and wanting to visit the Cult library.

# Spice up your summer with Sunburst Steel Band

By ANGELA KOTLARZ
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You may have seen him, perhaps you've even heard him as you travel the halls of Niagara College. It's not just his festive clothing that sets him apart, but his up-beat attitude that attracts attention from passers-by. His name is Trevor Walcott and he came to Niagara College four years ago. Working as part of the main cafeteria's kitchen staff and representing Versa Food Services, Walcott can be seen all over the college's campus delivering food and drink to the different localities.

Said Cathy Battersby, a fellow co-worker of Walcott's who works at Cafe Cory, "He's a colorful person, lots of fun and happy-go-lucky all the time."

Walcott, originally from Barbados, came to Canada in 1983, first living in Toronto. It was then he joined The Sunburst Steel Band. Now living in St. Catharines, Walcott spends much of his time playing with this 15-member band in cities all across Niagara Region. "We play at fairs, weddings, festivals, anywhere we're invited," Walcott said.

The band, who entertained guests at the Niagara College open house on April 4, is open to anyone wanting to join on a volunteer basis and said Walcott "if someone wants to join we teach them, it's that easy." When teaching new members, Walcott said he tries to make the musical arrangements simple but still interesting, depending on the person's ability and experience level. Many associate a steel band with reggae but said Walcott, "Our band plays a little bit of everything including jazz, reggae and calypso."

Members of The Sunburst Steel Band live in Fort Erie, Hamilton, Welland, and even as far away as Oshawa, with the majority of the members living in St. Catharines. Walcott said he's played the steel drums for as long as he can remember but that isn't the case for everyone involved. Some have joined as recently as last December without any prior musical background.

The high-time for this group of musicians is the summer when they can perform up to four times a week, mainly at various music festivals in the area. "When performing we ask for only enough to cover the costs of operating the band," Walcott said.

For anyone interested in joining, there is a minimal yearly membership fee of $10, and again the money goes towards the costs of travel and upkeep of the instruments. The band can be found practising once a week on Monday nights on Oakdale Avenue in St. Catharines.

"We have a lot of fun and are always looking for new members. Although previous musical experience helps, and can't hurt, it isn't necessary," said Walcott. With the band always welcoming newcomers, this may be just the thing to spice up an otherwise uneventful spring and summer.

# *Boiling Point flick is a lowly simmer*

By TOM BRANK
Staff Writer

It's hard to write a review for a film I have almost forgotten five minutes after leaving the cinema.

Boiling Point is yet another Hollywood revenge film—how intense.

Jimmy Mercer (Wesley Snipes) is a rebellious undercover cop searching for the guys who knocked off his buddy when a counterfeit deal went bad. He spends most of the film smoking cigarettes and questioning all the wrong suspects.

Red Diamond (Dennis Hopper) is a ex-con who owes $50,000 to some organized crime big boys with a week to pay. In an attempt to come up with the money, he gets himself caught up in the death of Mercer's fellow agent and sets Mercer on his trail.

For a supposed high-energy action film, the plot barely moves. All the hard-hitting action we expected amounts to about four minutes of the entire film. Instead of running from Snipes' pursuit, Hopper's role throughout the film is trying to con rich businessmen into lending him money. A five-minute finale suddenly wraps up the story, and the whole film runs under 90 minutes.

There is couple of sub-plots in the film involving Snipes' and Hopper's attempts to reconcile former lovers, but this deteriorates into a sappy melodrama.

Snipes' performance, more than Hopper's, makes this film barely watchable. The few action scenes show his talents as a legitimate action movie star, but slow down as soon as the pace picks up. Unfortunately, we spend the whole film waiting for Snipes to reach the boiling point, but the best he gets to is a low simmer.

# Hot new movies to see - Not!

By TOM BRANK
Staff Writer

INDECENT PROPOSAL-Another touching story of love and relationship gone bad. Maybe it's an emotional roller-coaster? A tale of love and sacrifice? A waste of six bucks?

BORN YESTERDAY-Is Don Johnson still acting? Unbelievable, he's so boring though. Let me guess-he plays the role of a romantic hearthrob who slicks his hair back and wears Armani suits? This film looks completely unstomachable.

NEMESIS-A futuristic film in which computers take over. *I'll bet humans become slaves to* labor work while robots supervise. I'll bet there's an underground rebel leader fighting to save the earth too. Is the director trying too show us the dangers of overloading our hard-drives?

THE CRUSH-Wow, doesn't this look original. A woman's desire for a relationship with a guy she just met becomes an obsession. Then she starts getting weird and pulls crazy stunts to get his attention. It looks like Fatal Attraction, Pacific Heights, Consenting Adults and Sleeping With the Enemy-but it is probably different. I'll skip this movie.

LEPRECHAUN-This film looks interesting. A family moves into a new home, but they are unaware a vicious killer *dwarf haunts their basement.* Imagine how hard it would be adjusting to this new *situation.* Hey, we are living in the 1990s.

# Local bands 'make countdowns look like kindergarten roll-call'

By JENN SHERIDAN
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Some would have you believe that music is not worth listening to unless it is in the top ten countdown, sits in neon-lit record stores or comes in a glittery package. Have you ever wondered who gave birth to, and weened these bands?

The answer is no further than your local watering hole. Local bars have always housed the beginning sounds of successful musical careers. Suckling on the Niagara Region are several bands that make countdowns look like kindergarten roll-call:

**Revenge of the Egg People:** Having recently produced videos titled *No Budget for the Fruitbelt* and *I'm Not Your Cucumber* , this could be the last summer the Egg People play in polyester. Lead by vocalist Cashmere, the Eggs break-out of redundancy by doing anything but stand still on stage. Often clad in women's apparel, guitarist Lamp, bassist Spore, drummer Bug and percussionist Pail, wail out light-hearted cheesy tunes and rockin' disco riffs. A mix of originals, covers, props, kazoos, flailing pony-tails and a spirit or two will leave you wondering if you even needed the spirit. Scheduled to play May 7 in Niagara Falls at the Empire, this show is a must see for egg heads and theater lovers. For bookings call manager Zana Feric at 684-7989.

**Raisin Pie:** Recently inducted Jerry's Alley pals, Raisin Pie is out of the garage and into the bar throwing themselves in your face. After being together for a year, vocalist Wilf, bassist Dave, drummer Marty and guitarist John crank-out all original rock 'n' roll with heavy metal, thrashing vibrations. Although they're having a slice opening for more experienced bands, the Pie is taking a breather in order to record their first demo tape. They hope the demo is out in time for you to enjoy it while you sip brews in your Mr. Turtle pool. If you're into baked goods you can visit the Pie on May 27 at Front 54, or call Wilf at 468-7807.

**Hypnotic Bidets:** Wear ear protection: these guys are loud. Gothic surrealism encompasses their industrial-psychedelic electrical stabs. If the speed of bassist Duke the Bull, the thrashing drummer Rev. Clubber Lang or ripping licks of guitarist Screech don't scare you, then vocalist De De Wah King will shatter your skull with his alien choke-holds. Freaks can be seen crawling out to be caressed by the Bidets' air and if you have the "jhghurhgeb", so should you. Cleanse your orifices at the Bidets *Porcelain AntiChrist* tape release gathering, April 30 at Jerry's Alley. Strangers call Dan at 563-7442.

**Sativa:** Symphonic-like waves of melodic compromise. This recently formed seven-piece band enchants through harmonies using a hybrid foundation that evolved through their influences. The majestic contours they shape in silence, by using two drummers Chris and Mike K., congo player Greg, keyboardist/lyricist Mike B., bassist/lyricist Dan, guitarist/lyricist/flutist Adam and guitarist Derrick, will shelter your soul and unfasten sobriety. Soon to release a video demo and a demo tape comprised of a few of their 15-20 original songs, Sativa will not be weeded-out. Say hi to the band when they open at the Hideaway on May 1 or at Front 54 on May 27. Soul searchers call Mike or Dan at 358-0362.

Keep an eye out for postered telephone/cable poles: they're a great source of information on future shows, especially out-of-town bands. If you happen to spot one of the next few bands playing in your area...DON'T MISS IT. You're moshing feet will thank you for it.

**Acid Mud Flower:** (London, Ont.) Trip out to an Acid Mud Flower show and you will feel the slow grinding wheel they spin with their 70s hardcore riffs. Powerful Black Sabbath /Hawkwind /Cathedral remnants blackball monotony with elegant assaults. Watch for their four-song demo. Call Breck at (519)642-7312.

**Boris is Back:** (London, Ont.) Presently recording their second demo, London favorites, Boris devour their listeners with foreign guitar manifestations and flaunting bass lines. Their sound is an expansion of the Soundgarden/Alice in Chains damage. Call Matt at (519)642-7312.

**Spine:** (Windsor, Ont.) Rotten underground masters, Spine are possessed by a dialetic punk-rock retrospect. Watch for their Niagara region debut this summer. Call Kipp at (519)256-2158 or John (519)966-6680.

**M.A.D.:** (London, Ont.) Presently opening for Napalm Death and Brutal Truth, M.A.D. is hardcore at its finest. Their latest recording *Taboo of the Western World* hacks conformity and is available on the Fringe label. Call Matt or Mike at (519)439-9179.

Remember that these bands charge a fraction of the price (usually $2 or $3) of a signed band's cover and all of the money goes towards keeping the musicians alive (renting the equipment, demos, gas, bread, smokes). So pay the cover and support your local band.

# *Grammar course provides fine-tuning skills*

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

Grammar for Writing Professionals.

It sounds very intimidating doesn't it? Well then, I must be brave because it's a course I am taking this semester at Niagara College.

It scared me when I enrolled in the course before the Christmas break, but since I'm in the Journalism-Print program I felt it might help to know a little about grammar. I'm glad I did enrol.

Donna Kerrigan, the course instructor, has given me a grounding in grammar that will last me the rest of my journalism life. I strongly suggest you take this course if you are interested in a career that involves writing of any kind. Take note fellow journalists. If you think you know everything about grammar, think again. There is more to learn.

The great thing about the course, however, is not that it brings you down to earth and makes you humble. It does the opposite. It makes you a more confident writer.

Monika Queckenstedt, 22, a fellow Journalism-Print program student, says she didn't have a good understanding of grammar until she took the grammar course. "I couldn't name the errors in my writing. My writing has improved and I am not as afraid of grammar as I used to be."

I couldn't have said it better myself.

Queckenstedt also said that Grammar for Writing Professionals should be a mandatory course for journalists. Bravo Monika.

Most high schools do not focus enough on grammar in their English curriculums. I don't know how grammar school got its name because I didn't learn anything about grammar there.

The only way writers can learn about grammar is with grammar courses. So why not enrol today?

# Mystery writers' workshop inspires would-be authors

By ADELE NAGY
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Have you read all of Stephen King's thrillers, or should I say Dennis Jones' captivating books? Do you like to write?

If you answered yes to both of these questions then the Niagara Writers' Workshop - Suspense Writing: Murder and Mystery is for you.

Donna Kerrigan, an English teacher at Niagara College and one of the presenters at the workshop, said she would not be teaching the workshop but "people who have written and published books [would be.]. People who have really done it," she said. These people being famous Canadian thriller writers: Leslie Watts, Medora Sale, and Dennis Jones.

The two-year-old Niagara Writers' Workshop is looking at suspense writing for the first time — last year's program focused more on creative writing.

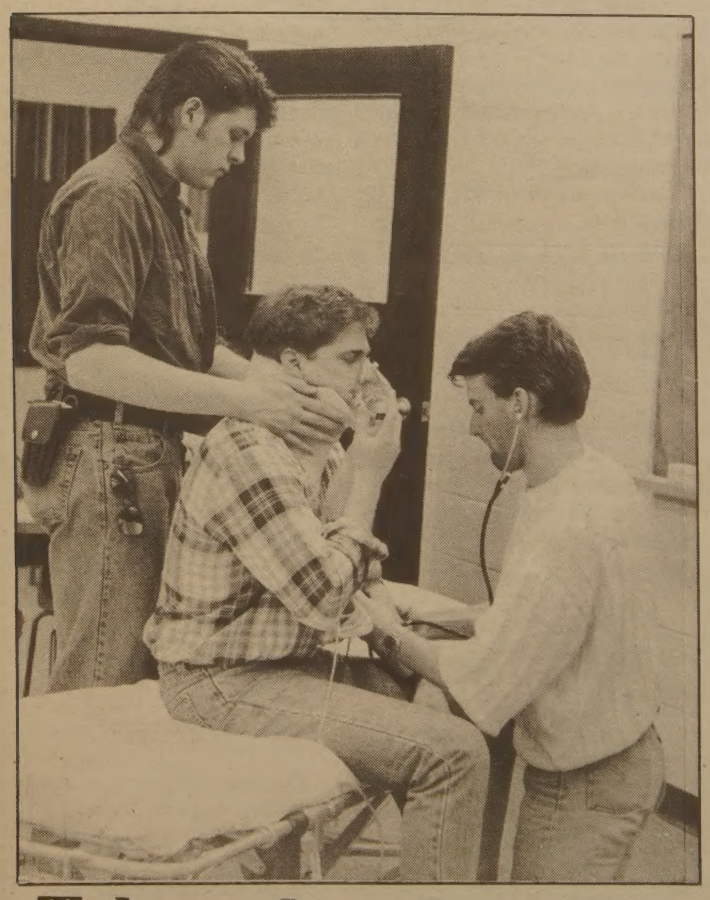
Kerrigan said the first workshop "went very well."

Kerrigan, also the chairman of the Project Development Committee for the English Department at Niagara College, said the idea for this workshop came from "group inspiration."

The Project Development Committee is also responsible for putting together the whole Professional Writing Certificate program which has been running for two years, the response being "quite good," Kerrigan said.

Asked whether it was difficult to find writers to teach the workshop, Kerrigan said "surprisingly not." She added the program has "gotten good writers." Kerrigan said she had "never written anything in this area. That is why we are bringing in specialists."

The two-credit course will be offered June 21 to 25 at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls and may be used towards a certificate in the Professional Writing program at Niagara College. Credit will be based on the submission of a portfolio of writings from the workshop.



# Take a deep breath!

Ambulance and Emergency Care program students participate in a scenario test. From left to right are Jeff Fraser, 20, Allan Jodoin, 33, and Mark Denning, 21. Ambulance and Emergency Care is part of Allied Health Studies. See story on page 11.
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# *Atlanta Braves: champions of the world?*

By KIERAN FREEL
Staff Writer

The harsh winter has finally ended for baseball fans.

With the arrival of two expansion teams (Florida Marlins and Colorado Rockies), baseball has seen many players change uniforms.

Here are my predictions for the National League, American League and World Series winner.

A.L. East:

With the loss of power hitter Dave Winfield, lefty Jimmy Key, shortstop Manny Lee and closer Tom Henke, the Toronto Blue Jays look like they will not repeat. They have added starter Dave Stewart, DH Paul Molitor and outfielder Darrin Jackson, but I feel they have lost most of their strength. Top contenders for the A.L. East will be the New York Yankees and the Baltimore Orioles.

Prediction: New York Yankees

A.L. West:

This division is probably the hardest to predict. With the addition of Dave Winfield, the Minnesota Twins will be the front-runners with the Oakland A's not far behind. Honorable mention goes to the Texas Rangers.

Prediction: Minnesota Twins

N.L. East:

The Montreal Expos have a great shot at winning the East because of an experienced starting rotation. If outfielders Moises Alou and Larry Walker have strong seasons, the Expos will prevail. Other teams to watch out for are the New York Mets and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Prediction: Montreal Expos

N.L. West:

There is no doubt in my mind that the Atlanta Braves will win this division. With the best starting rotation (Steve Avery, Tom Glavine, Greg Maddux, John Smoltz and Mike Stanton) in major league baseball, there will be no other contender in the West.

Prediction: Atlanta Braves

In the World Series for the third straight year will be the Atlanta Braves, representing the National League. In the American League it should be a dog fight between the Minnesota Twins and New York Yankees, with the Yankees coming out on top. The Yankees will take the Braves to six games but will fall short of capturing a World Series ring.

# The new Jays

By LEANN MCHUTCHION
Staff Writer

Looking for a sign that spring has arrived? You don't need to look any further than Toronto's SkyDome where the 1992 World Series Champion Toronto Blue Jays have returned to the nest for a new season.

With the 1993 baseball season well under way fans have some concerns about whether the defending World Series Champions will go all the way again this year.

Niagara College student Steve Burns, 20, a fan of the Jays since the team's formation in 1977, said he feels the Jays have "done pretty well so far considering the injuries they've had."

Burns, a first-year Business Administration student, said he blames the problems the team has been having so far on poor pitching. He also said the Baltimore Orioles will be the Jays' greatest rival this year.

Former Milwaukee Brewer, Paul Molitor, who replaces Dave Winfield in the designated hitter position, is Burns' favorite new Jay.

Concerns raised by fans are: Can Dick Schofield replace Manny Lee, can Molitor replace the ever-popular Winfield, and most importantly, can Ed Sprague get the job done at third base?

Mike Woodfine, 21, also a first-year Business Administration student at the college, said he thinks Sprague can. Woodfine said so far this season has been a let down, but he's keeping in mind the changes the Jays have made, and said he the Jays will be better when they come together as a team.

Asked who he thought the Jays' greatest rival would be this season Woodfine, who has been a Jays fan since he "realized the Leafs were no good," said he felt the Montreal Expos would be the team to beat this year.

# Here are the 'Boys of Summer' to watch

By PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

Denny Doyle, former second baseman for the Boston Red Sox, says it best "baseball is life with the volume turned up."

In exactly seven days, the students of Niagara College, relieved of their academic chores, will be able to sit back and turn up the volume.

There is a fine art to watching baseball. First, you need an ice-cold beer, accompanied by the freshest of munchies - salty pretzels, crispy potato chips (no simulated flavors) and don't forget the hot dogs.

I love baseball. The game is always exciting and, most importantly, ever-changing and uncertain. Strategy and showmanship provide a great deal of appeal. How is it possible to watch the boys of summer without offering our own opinions over a particular play or to second guess the events of moments past?

As we prepare to savor the season, I suggest you keep you eyes on these guys. This is what baseball is all about.

Vince Coleman, of the New York Mets, is a strong contender for the National League stolen base title if he stays healthy. It is a mere formality for Ricky Henderson to steal it for the American League.

Expect to see some powerful pitching from Mike Mussina of Baltimore. He's young and won 18 games as a sophomore last year. Boston's Roger Clemens, however, could put up a fight with a better bullpen. With the additions of Andre Dawson and Ivan Calderon, he should win 20 games and possibly the American League Cy Young Award if Mussina fails to win at least 18 games.

The National League Cy Young Award is up for grabs as three out of Atlanta's fab five pitchers are all contenders - John Smoltz, Greg Maddaux, and Tom Glavine.

While Roberto Alomar has the potential to be a top candidate for MVP this year this, don't forget about Ken Griffey Jr., who usually plays poorly the first half of the season then tends to excel in the second half. He often gets the short end of the stick from the media. He hit a three-run home run in his first at bat this season - a sign of things to come? Juan Gonzales of the Texas Rangers is the best bet for home run leader. He's young and led the league last year, the only way is up for Gonzales!

For Rookie of the Year in the American League it's a toss up between J.T. Snow and Tim Salmon of the California Angels. Snow possesses lots of power and the potential to hit over .300 this year. Salmon has more power but can't hit for average as well as Snow.

The sweetest swing in baseball belongs to Will Clark, a career .300 hitter. With Barry Bonds protecting him, he should win the MVP for the National League. Clark's contract, which will be up at the end of the season, will act as his incentive as he sets his sights on becoming a more marketable free agent. How about Griffey for MVP in the American League? As well as swinging an awesome bat, his defence is dynamite. Griffey, winner of two Gold Gloves, is up for a third straight in '93.

Baseball - it doesn't get any better than this!

# Von Stefenelli sets NHL goal

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

Phil von Stefenelli has been playing hockey for over 20 years. He grew up in Vancouver, B.C., while his father admired Bobby Orr.

"My dad was a big Bobby Orr fan but I was too young to appreciate that kind of play and talent," he said.

Von Stefenelli, 24, played defence this past season for the Hamilton Canucks, the Vancouver Canucks' farm team in the American Hockey League. The team, including von Stefenelli was moved last year from Milwaukee in the International Hockey League. The Canucks were recently denied of a playoff spot in the Southern division of the league, leaving the team with a dismal record of 29-45-6 for the season.

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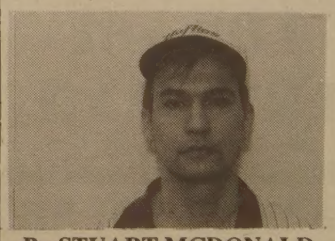
# *Locker room offers more than 'dangling modifiers'*



By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

When I first decided to become a sports journalist the only danglers I thought I would encounter were modifiers and participles.

Upon entering a post-game National Hockey League dressing room, I realized I was wrong.

I always thought the first time you met your favorite NHL player you were supposed to be in total awe. The first meeting with my hockey hero left me in total shock. He was buck-naked. And so was the rest of my favorite team.

This was the first of my discoveries as a print-journalism student with a press pass.

The second was that my girlfriend was allowed in the dressing room also.

I have always believed in the equality of the sexes and the freedom of the press. But when the two combined to allow my girlfriend access to the Buffalo Sabres' dressing room I had some serious doubts about combining the two. I also had some serious doubts as to whether she would still want me as her boyfriend when she came out.

Fortunately for me I still had a girlfriend when she emerged from the room and later I was able to turn the tables, albeit unintentionally.

Dave Andreychuk, now a Leaf, was playing for Buffalo against Hartford early this season and scored four goals the night we were there. My girlfriend became an instant Andreychuk fan and desperately wanted an interview with him after the game.

Because she didn't know what he looked like, I pointed him out across a crowded room and said, "It's the very tall guy with the dark hair." Unfortunately for my girlfriend, she got the wrong person and came away with a fabricated interview and an autograph from a tall, dark-haired Ryerson journalism student.

This embarrassing situation was surpassed only by my interview with Alexander Mogilny of the Sabres. I am one of Mogilny's greatest fans and this is probably why my interview went so poorly.

On March 1, the Sabres played the Vancouver Canucks in Hamilton and lost miserably. I was more interested in interviewing Mogilny than in the result of the game, so I asked him questions about his personal statistics. Big mistake.

The Sabres had lost three games in a row. Mogilny was more concerned about the team than his goal total and he let me know it with obscenities that can't be repeated in print.

Oh well. It's the life of a journalist.

## NIAGARA SPEAKS

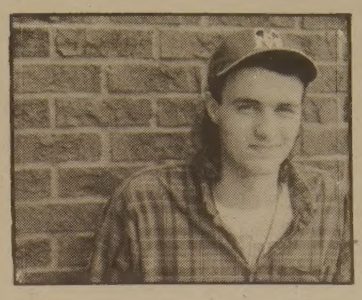
From the files of Elizabeth Brown

**Question: How do you think the job market will compare to last summer?**

**JULIE BRUCATO**

"I think it will be worse especially for the young people. I'm not worried about myself, but my friends are having troubles."

Julie Brucato, first-year Early Childhood Education



**YVON CHAMPAGNE**

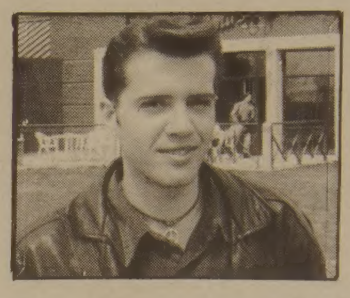
"I barely worked last summer and it's still going to be hard this summer."

Yvon Champagne, first-year General College

**MARILYN PIETT**

"It's going to be worse. Yes, I'm working, but for students it will be hard. There's too many cutbacks."

Marilyn Piett, first-year General College



**DEREK WINCE**

"I think the times haven't changed that much economically. I'm worried about getting a job this summer."

Derek Wince, first-year Visual and Creative Design

**SAMANTHA PYKE**

"I don't think it is going to change, it is just going to get worse."

Samantha Pyke, first-year Radio and Broadcasting

# Student summer job market 'very competitive'

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

With the last days of school drawing to a close, the hunt for summer employment begins.

Unfortunately it will still be difficult for students to find work, said Margaret Maynard, an employment project worker for the Jobs Finders Centre in Beamsville.

Maynard said there is already a large section of unemployed, excluding students, within the Niagara Region, many of whom are willing to accept part-time seasonal work. Jobs in the agricultural and tourism sectors, which had traditionally employed students, are now going to older workers.

"There is a whole mass of people who have experience," she said, which is a barrier for students who must compete with skilled adult workers.

Maynard attributed some of the unemployment problems in the region to the high cost of maintaining employees. Today, employers are far more selective than in the past, said Maynard, as they cannot afford to hire the wrong person. The cost of employing workers is the single highest cost for companies, she said, therefore employers are now trying to "do it right the first time."

Before contacting any company about possible employment, Maynard recommends students should research both the business and the person who is doing the hiring. This allows the students to tailor their cover letters and resumes for specific jobs.

While good communication skills were not always necessary in the past to find employment, Maynard said they are essential today, especially during interviews. She said within the first 2.3 minutes of the interview, the employer knows whether or not the applicant will be hired. This is based not only on written information, but also the way in which applicants express themselves. By maintaining a good attitude and stating ideas clearly and concisely, applicants are liable to impress potential employers.

Maynard stressed that in today's "very competitive" job market, students are likely to experience rejection from employers, something she said should not be taken personally. Instead, Maynard suggested students contact employers who have turned them down and ask for pointers as to how to improve their interview skills.

Lise Letourneau, at the Student Employment Centre in Welland, offers some suggestions for employment opportunities. Of the 789 job vacancies last year, Letourneau said the majority involved fruit picking and canning, a trend likely to return this summer.

Work may also be found through the Summer Employment Experience Development program, which receives funding from the Ontario government. The program encourages local business to hire and train students. Letourneau said she is optimistic that this summer will see the same turnout from business as last year despite the tough economic times.

Although Letourneau said it is too early to make any steadfast predictions about the summer job market, she is hopeful that employers will return to the centre to find workers.

Any students wishing to contact Letourneau at the Student Employment Centre may reached Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 732-5025.

# *Summer boredom dispelled by inexpensive activities*

By ANDREA SNIDER
Staff Writer

Remember the summer when you were seven years old and you'd tell your mother every day how bored you were, hoping she would magically conjure up some great fun for you? And she never did.

Since this is the last edition of the Niagara News before much-anticipated summer arrives, I've found some things for you to do that don't cost a lot, and promise lots of fun.

If you're into the arts, the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake can't be beat for a great evening. The festival opened April 21, and has a terrific line-up of productions, including St. Joan, Candida, and The Man of Destiny written by George Bernard Shaw himself. The box-office smash Gentlemen Prefer Blondes will also be featured. There are three beautiful theatres to choose from, and tickets range in price from $25 to $50.

Even if the theatre isn't your thing, a drive to NOTL, with its history and great shopping, can't be beat for a relaxing day.

If you find yourself yearning for higher education this summer, there's always spring/evening courses at Brock University. This however, will run you about $450. Serious scholars only!

How about bowling? Bowling is seriously underrated as a great stress reliever. I mean, where else can you put on shoes previously worn by hundreds of people, hoist up a three-tonne ball and throw it down the lane towards 10 miniature pins? For this thrill, the price will hover between $1.50 and $4 per game, depending on where you bowl and how many friends you can cajole into joining you.

A summer league which plays Tuesday nights, started April 20 at Eastside Lanes in Welland. The fee is $8 and this includes a banquet complete with prizes for the high rollers.

If you like to have free fun, there's nothing like a nostalgic visit back to the campus. The tennis courts at the college are open, as are the soccer fields. Why not take that spring fling for a game of tennis and a picnic on picturesque Rice Road?

Have a great summer!

# Co-op programs: big advantage for competitive job market

By DIANA BERARDI
Staff Writer

Students in co-op programs are at a definite advantage in today's competitive job market.

"Co-op gives you the chance to gain practical, hands-on experience," said Christine Drobnich, co-op liaison officer at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

The co-op office at the centre finds placements for students in the Tourism-Tours and Attractions program, the Hotel and Restaurant Administration program and Culinary Skills program; and monitors students while on placements.

The Tourism program is a two-year co-operative program. The first-year consists of a work term from May to August and the second-year from January to April.

Shelli Palka, 22, is currently on her final co-op work term for the Tourism-Tours and Attractions program.

"It's a good experience," said Palka in reference to her placement at Hamilton Travel in Niagara Falls. She really enjoys working at the agency, she said.

Palka works at the travel agency which deals mainly with corporate travel. She works from Monday to Friday. Her co-op ends this month, but the agency has asked her to stay for the summer.

In her first year, Palka's work term was in the co-op office of the Hospitality and Tourism Centre. She mainly took care of clerical duties, and also assisted in finding placements for students, talked with employers, and inspected work sites.

"I want to work at a CAA Agency because it provides a service and does not involve selling," said Palka about her future aspirations.

There are currently 28 second-year Tourism-Tours and Attraction program students on co-op placements, and 45 to 50 first-year students looking for placements, said Drobnich.

Employers include Skyline Hotels, Sherkston Shores, CP Hotels and Resorts, and Walt Disney World.

"Co-op is the way to go," she said.

# Hamilton's 'a good place to play hockey:' von Stefenelli

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The team got off to a slow start but regrouped and improved as a unit as the season went on.

"We got better later on. We were a young team with a lot of new faces. It just took some time for everyone to adjust," he said.

Von Stefenelli played for Langley in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League and went on to graduate from Boston University with a degree in geography and four years of hockey experience under his belt.

He found the adjustment from about 40 games in the university circuit to the 80-game schedule in the IHL was "tough."

"Last year was a big adjustment. After 50 or 60 games my legs were getting really sore. I just relaxed and got some treatment. I eventually learned to adjust," he said.

Von Stefenelli does most of his physical preparation during the summer and leaves the mental aspect to the playing season.

He works out with weights in the summer and tries to maintain his form rather than building.

"If you're playing well there's not too much to think about. I'll focus on a few things to do better and make a conscious effort to be on top of my game. That part is tough to work on during the off season."

Life in the AHL is not satisfying for von Stefenelli. This past season was frustrating for both the team and for himself personally.

"My goal is to play in the National Hockey League. I'd like to think I've learned a few things this year to help me get there," he said.

Von Stefenelli enjoyed Hamilton, calling it "a good place to play hockey. The fans were pretty good. They stuck right through until the end." The average attendance was about 4,700 people a game.

He'll be returning to hometown Vancouver as well as Boston this summer where he would like to work at a hockey camp and visit with friends.

Looking back over the season, von Stefenelli said there is always room for improvement.

"There's always things to work on, a lot of little things. I definitely played better near the end. I'm constantly trying to learn ans prove myself. I'm never satisfied."

# OSAP — no more 'free money'

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who doesn't get loans, and Ontario is opposed to that," says David Scott, policy adviser to Ontario Education and Training Minister David Cooke.

McLeod assures that "the bank will not be in the decision process." Although Ottawa will no longer guarantee the loans, the government is offering "risk premiums" to the institutions.

"Under the new program, any student who is eligible for student assistance will receive it," said the government spokesperson.

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), which administers CSL for Ontario students, will also have more money for students. They are changing to a loan system and eliminating grants.

The availability of funds from OSAP has gone from $620 million in 1992 to $800 million in 1993.

Richard Allen, former Ontario minister of education, announced to the legislature on Nov. 26, 1992, the province was not offering grants to students but was instead giving assistance in the form of forgivable loans to students in need.

Under the old system, the average loan debt was about $3,000 a year, so at the end of a four-year program the student would owe around $12,000. Under the new system, the average loan debt will be around $5,500 per year, giving the student a loan burden of about $22,000 after a four-year program.

Any money awarded above the annual $5,570 loan maximum will be forgiven.

"Say you borrow $8,000 for 1993-94, you will only have to pay back $5,570. The rest is forgivable, you don't have to pay it back," says Kathy Borisenko, financial aid officer at Niagara College.

Students will become more responsible when they spend their loans because it is not "free money."

"I think the changes are good. Hopefully it will make them (students) more aware of how they spend and budget their money because they are going to have to pay it back," Borisenko says.

# One vote decides new SAC VP

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thought he'd do a great job on SAC.

Levesque, 21, a first-year Fashion Merchandising program student from London, said "the school hasn't pushed the thought that it's here for you (students).

"Everybody gets involved in high school elections," he said. At Niagara "they feed you with a silver spoon and we don't get involved at all.

"I think Cris will do a pretty good job," said Levesque. "He's a down-to-earth guy."

Lou DiMattio, SAC liaison, said last year about 250 students voted in the SAC elections.

"It's up to the candidates to generate excitement and enthusiasm," she said.

Only five of the 78 votes were cast at Niagara's satellite campuses.

Margeson, who was enrolled in the college's Horticultural Technician program in St. Catharines seven years ago, said satellite campuses tend to be "segregated" from the Welland campus. Margeson said he recommended serious campaigning at satellite campuses to those considering running next year.

He said he would like to see "more energy boosted into students" next year and will try to find the "fine line between education and fun" while on SAC.

The 1993-94 SAC becomes effective May 1 during a changeover conference. At that time, this year's SAC will exchange information, discuss the constitution and explain SAC's roles, said DiMattio.

## *"Fore" Heart*

The 7th Annual Niagara College Classic Golf Tournament occurs Sunday, May 2, at the International Country Club in Stevensville, Ont. The tournament is supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Tony Mete, 19, tournament chairman in the foreground, and from left to right are Barb Bonfoco from the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Jerry Raso, 22, in the Niagara Knight costume and Chris White, 22, the promotions director.

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